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PWAs Show Major Improvement in Compound **Trials**

A little publicized article in A little publicized article in the just-released issue of Pro-ject Inform's newsletter is rais-ing hopes that a major break-through in AIDS treatment is on the way.

The striking news comes from a group of about 80 people in San Francisco who have resumed taking compound Q since December under a doctor's supervision.

Out of the 62 patients for whom data is available, eight

have experienced a complete normalization of lab markers for HIV infection. All their blood tests — helper T-cell, suppressor T-cell, total white blood cell and helper/suppressor ratio — are now completely normal.

For several of the eight, helper T-cell counts went from under 200 to over 1,000, from an alarming deficit to a healthy abundance.

Project Inform said that

considered "graduates" of the program and had been given the option of discontinuing treatment to see what happens

Further testing is also planned to look for the presence of HIV-infected cells in their

Eight out of 62 doesn't seem very impressive unless you stop to consider that no other drug has ever shown even this high a level of success.

The average improvement in the other 54 people also

seems rather modest, and not everyone has responded posi-tively, but compound Q's record still beats any published

And the top half of the group is showing increasingly marked gains as time goes on.

An extract from a type of Chinese wild cucumber, com-pound Q has been part of Chinese herbal medicine for years and was prescribed mainly for respiratory infections.

Most recently, it has been

used in China to induce abortions. Excitement over the drug's potential as an AIDS fighter exploded when it was discovered that the substance selectively killed only HIV-infected macrophages (a scav-enger white blood cell that eats up germs and other foreign matter in the body) in test tube experiments.

San Francisco General Hospital's Dr. Michael McGrath, an early Q proponent, claimed

Board OKs Program for Gay Students

More than 500 lesbian and More than 500 lesbian and gay activists exploded into cheers at Alamo School on June 12 after the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a schoolsponsored program for gay and lesbian students.

The program was approved over the objection of about 150 fundamentalist Christians pre-

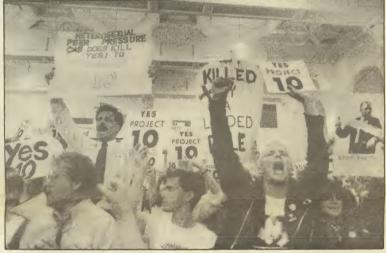
"I am a gay student. I entered George Washington High School as a gay student, and I will leave George Washington as a gay student. If I had known just one other person in my school who was like me, it

would have been easier," said David Kaufman, 18. "I am the way I am. I make no excuse. I don't think Project 10 fosters a gay orientation. It fosters gay pride."

Kaufman's eloquent com-ments about the isolation and rejection gay and lesbian students feel moved many in the audience to tears.

"Suicide did cross my mind at times because of the way I was treated and because of the way society looks at me," he

Kaufman, a black Jewish gay man, has been accepted for admission to five leading Eastern universities. He is acknowledged as a brilliant student.



Project 10 supporters packed the board meeting Tuesday.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

George Choy, a member of the Gay Asian and Pacific Alliance, who attended the SFUSD for over 10 years, urg-ed the board to adopt Project

"My friend was also a gay student. He attempted suicide three times. I can still see the

scars on his throat and on his wrists, but there are deeper scars left where no one can see them. The scars of rejection, isolation and depression. He is unable to work. He can't sleep. When he cried for help, no one was there," Choy said.

Dr. Paul Cameron, a fun-

damentalist psychologist, said that the school board had a "clear choice between the sexually disturbed and the Chris-

"If you decide to go with the sexually disturbed, you will be

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Gay Agent Files Suit **Against FBI**

by Dennis Conkin

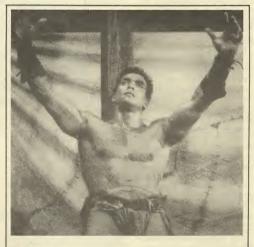
An FBI agent stripped of his top-secret security clearance after the agency discovered that he was gay filed suit against the bureau in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on June 8.

The suit claims that FBI policy of refusing to hire gay people by denying them security clearances violates the agent's constitutional rights to equal protection and due pro-

The 45-year-old veteran special agent, identified in the suit only as 'John Doe,' has been with the bureau for almost 21 years.

Doe's identity is not disclosed in the suit, because, accord-

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Sneak A Peek

A scene from director Eric de Kuyper's Pink Ulysses to be screened as part of the 14th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, June 15-24. See the Arts and Entertainment section of this paper for reviews and an overview of the festival

Police 'Blood' Memo **Angers Activists**

by Peter Altman

A San Francisco Police Officers Association memoran-dum claiming that ACT UP dum claiming that ACT UP protesters plan to attack police with HIV-infected blood and hypodermic needles during the upcoming Sixth International Conference on AIDS has outraged the AIDS activist community.

ACT UP is accusing the po-lice of initiating a malicious campaign of lies to weaken the newly approved SFPD crowd control manual, the adoption of which was a direct result of last October's police violence against AIDS activists in the Castro.

ACT UP members fear that weakened crowd control regu-lations coupled with a smear campaign aimed at portraying them as instigators of violence might be used as a pretext for a brutal crackdown at the AIDS conference. Waiyde Palmer, an ACT UP member and PWA, flatly denied the rumors.

'These are lies. They're not substantiated because they can't possibly be. To us, this is can't possibly be. To us, this is a sign that the police are gearing up to smash heads like they did Oct. 6, and they're using these lies as a ready excuse. If they do, the whole world will be watching. Based on the history of this police department, if anyone should be worried about blood being spilt, it's us, the protesters." it's us, the protesters.

However, Arawn Eibhlyn, national ACT NOW coordina-tor, made it clear that ACT UP would not be intimidated by what he called a deliberate misinformation campaign.

"We cannot afford to be silenced. San Francisco should take steps to control police violence, and we urge the peo-

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Unions Lead Fight Against Food Handlers' Restriction

by Dave Gilden

Food workers' unions are irate over last week's U.S. Senate vote supporting an AIDS-related loophole in the new Americans with Disabilities Act, fearing it will cause a flood of labor relations problems.

The Senate on June 6 instructed conferees to support a House-approved rider, sponsored by Jim Chapman (D-Texas), that would allow companies to transfer employees with "an infectious or communicable disease of public health significance" from food-handling jobs to available "economicable of the conference of the confe

ically equivalent" non-food-handling ones.

The fight is not over because the Senate vote is not necessarily binding on conferees.

"We have been working very hard with gay and lesbian groups as well as disability groups to defeat this amendment," says Jo Ellen Deutsch of the Independent Association of Flight Attendants.

The disabilities act is a broad national civil rights act barring discrimination on the basis of disability — including AIDS and HIV infection — in the areas of employment, pub-

lic accommodations, transportation and telecommunications systems.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), one of only two senators speaking for the amendment, made its connection with AIDS clear. He argued that without the proposal, small restaurants would go out of business if the public learned that an employee in a food handling job had AIDS.

"How many people would be willing to frequent a restaurant whose chef had AIDS?"

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Fond Farewell

Roberta Achtenberg kisses her co-workers at the National Center for Lesbian Rights goodbye as she steps down as executive director of the Center. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Ohio Dorm Wing Shut Down Over Anti-Gay Harassment

by Rex Wockner

In a move that angered students and parents, officials at Ohio State University May 23 closed down an entire dormitory wing where residents had continually harassed two gay roommates.

Officials said the atmosphere on the men's wing of the third floor of Bradley Hall was "unhealthy" and "unmanageable" and gave the 34 residents 10 hours to vacate.

The two gay men — Mike Scarce, 20, a sophomore from New Paris, Ohio, and Tom Fletcher, 19, a sophomore from Greenville, Ohio — were moved to off-campus living quarters at the university's expense, while the other 32 residents transferred to other dorms or fraternity houses.

Campus police are providing Scarce and Fletcher 24-hour security.

The two gay students had received telephone death threats and were targeted with anti-gay graffiti in the common men's room.

The last straw, according to university officials, came on May 22 when 15 copies of a warning letter officials had sent to residents of the wing were found taped to Scarce and Fletcher's door with the words "Die Fags" scrawled in the middle.

Most of the dislocated students and their parents are angry about the university's decision to close the whole wing, especially since final exams were only two weeks

Residents of the floor who had not harassed the gay men felt particulary aggrieved by the eviction.

"Seriously, I can honestly say I have never done a thing to them at all," said 18-year-old freshman Chris Hadden of Tampa, Fla. "Even after they said they were fags, I'd still say hello to them in the hall."

On May 24 the evicted students and their supporters staged a rally to protest the university's actions, while phone calls poured into the university administration from parents threatening to sue.

William Hall, OSU director of residence and dining halls, said that despite the outcry he believed he "made the right decision, ethically and morally. It's late in the academic year," Hall said, "but this is also

part of their education ... I really hope they learn and grow from this."

The rally degenerated into a heated debate between the evicted students and members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Straights argued that if homosexuals can live together in dorms, then straight couples should be able to also. Fletcher and Scarce told reporters they are friends, not lovers.

Midway through the demo, police confiscated an anti-gay recording by comedian Andrew Dice Clay from Northfield, Ill., freshman Sangston Woodrum, who was blasting it out his nearby dorm window.

Woodruff told *The Lantern*, the student newspaper: "Fuck the faggots, really, screw 'em all. I think it's all a crock. They should go back in the closet. I don't like them.... I don't think there should be fags. They should basically be dead, I guess."

At press time, Hall said he intended to stick by his decision because "it is the right thing to do. Silence says we support these kinds of things."

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Survey: Safe-Sex Advice Not Reaching Black Men

by Dave Gilden

For the American population as a whole, government statistics show that blacks are 3-1/2 times more likely to have AIDS than whites.

Among gay men, a sixth of the people with AIDS have been black. Despite African-Americans' disproportionate burden, little has been done to track their individual reactions to the epidemic.

And gay blacks have been followed even less than IV drug users.

To help fill in the gaps, Black and White Men Together's National AIDS Task Force announced this week results of a nationwide survey focusing on the HIV-related attitudes and behavior of black men who regularly have sex with other men.

A sample of more than 900 men were questioned, primarily by specially trained interviewers. The rest, members of Black and White Men Together and other organizations, filled out forms at group events.

Because 33 percent of those responding identified themselves as professional workers and 11 percent as managers, the survey results may not be completely representative of black gay and bisexual men in general.

The Task Force nevertheless regards them as very telling.

"These statistics are shocking, but come as no surprise," Task Force Chairman Reggie Williams said.

Although the vast majority of men seemed well aware of the nature of AIDS and HIV, and of the ways to prevent transmission as well, only 54 percent usually adopted safer-sex measures such as condoms.

Furthermore, 57 percent of respondents admitted that they would "not worry about slipping and having unsafe sex once in a while."

Most sensational is the 10 percent figure given for those who would probably "practice unsafe sex even if they know they are HIV-positive or have

AIDS"

Also, one-third of the interviewees have sex with women, and of these merely 20 percent always or almost always use condoms.

In reaching its conclusions about the susceptibility of African-American men to AIDS, the committee adopted the widest definition of unsafe sex.

For example, oral sex and top and bottom anal sex were all considered equally risky although a large body of medical literature indicates wide variations in HIV transmission according to sex act.

The task force also raised the specter of heterosexual cross-over AIDS via bisexual men. Male bisexuals in fact are the source of very few cases of AIDS in women — about 100 per year — compared to IV drug users.

The Task Force report's usefulness was increased by the contribution of black men at every stage of the study's

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The safe sex boys: back, Mike Shriver, Chuck Frutchey, Buzz Bense; front, Bud Grant, Bob West, Jerry Zientara, Rick Low; floor, Pierre Ludington. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Clubs, AIDS Groups Unite, Form Healthy Sex Coalition

by Michael C. Botkin

AIDS prevention experts and sex club operators have come together in what some may find a surprising alliance to promote safe sex.

A collaborative effort that includes representatives from organizations such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the National Task Force on AIDS of Black and White Men Together, and the Secret Gospel Church, the Coalition for Healthy Sex was formed to support safe-sex establishments.

"We're part of the solution, not part of the problem," said Buzz Bense, who operates 890 Folsom, host to many of the City's popular sex clubs, including SF Jacks and Blow Buddies. "Relapse [into unsafe sex] is happening in the home, not at SOMA clubs," Bense said. "We value our patrons' health and their right to sexual

mitted to providing an environment that is clean, safe, and playful."

"The safe-sex clubs are an ideal place to reinforce safe sex," said Chuck Frutchey, education director at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "Most of the men who patronize the clubs have already adopted safe sex, but are at risk for slipping. The clubs are a way to strengthen the commitment to safe sex in the community, so that men will maintain safe sex, even when they are in a one-on-one situation at home. "It is important that gay men have safe and open places to meet and have safe sex, and the clubs provide that environment. This is something we can't afford to lose," Frutchey said.

Similar arguments were advanced, unsuccessfully, against the forced closing of San Francisco's gay bath houses. However, at that time the baths did

not promote safe sex with the zeal displayed by CHS members.

Promoting sex, even safe sex, almost always draws unwanted and negative attention from the mainstream media.

Bense said it was important that CHS announce its formation before the big international AIDS conference — and the media attention that will accompany it — arrived in town.

"We can expect some 'scandal' AIDS journalism during the conference," Bense said. "The tantalizing South of Market sex scene is always good for a yellow headline."

The coalition, whose formation was preceded by months of planning and negotiation, is now in place to counter such activity.

The goals of the coalition are "to ensure safe and open places for gay and bisexual (Continued on page 27)

Suit Filed Against City Over Oct. 6

by Dennis Conkin

Attorneys for 24 people involved in the Oct. 6 Castro Street ACT UP confrontation filed suit against the city in San Francisco Superior Court on June 7.

The suit asks for an unspecified amount in damages for "police brutality, false arrest and false imprisonment" arising out of the police response to the incident.

"There appears to have been a conspiracy among high ranking police officers to retaliate against the activists for three earlier AIDS demonstrations," attorney Dennis Cunningham said.

According to Cunningham, the police response to the incident was "get back" for three 1989 AIDS activist demonstrations, including the blockade of Golden Gate Bridge in



Some of the 25 plaintiffs in the October 6 police riot on Castro Street. (Photo: Rink)

January 1989 and the disruption of the Opera opening on Sept. 8, 1989.

"They were also upset about the march in April that was a memorial for Terry Sutton," said Rachel Lederman."The Tactical Affairs Command was basically chased out of the Castro. The police decided they needed to reassert control and discredit the more activist part of the AIDS movement in the eyes of the lesbian and gay community."

Lederman said the conspiracy claim was bolstered by the fact that beat patrol officers approached Castro Street business owners the morning of the demonstration and warned them that "ACT UP was going to come in to cause trouble," and the fact that more than 150 officers — more than one half of all uniformed officers on duty — were deployed in response to the incident.

Sgt. Jerry Senkir, San Francisco Police Department Public Information Officer, declined to comment on the charges.

"I can't comment on the mat

PUC Refuses to Censor Rubberman Ads

by Dennis Conkin

On June 12 the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission unanimously defeated a proposed resolution censoring a safe-sex advertisement in Muni Metro stations.

The ad, showing a barechested man in a reclining position and holding a condom, is part of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's new Rubberman campaign. The tag line reads: "The man of my dreams is a rubberman."

The resolution would have required the foundation to withdraw the ad and have the PUC approve future ad content before allowing them to be posted.

The resolution was authored by PUC General Manager Thomas Elzey, who said he drafted the ad after complaints about other safe sex ads.

Pat Christen, SFAF executive director, lambasted Elzey, calling the resolution "censorship."

Christen also severley

"The PUC has absolutely no business in determining ad content."

criticized Elzey for failing to inform the foundation that the item was on the PUC agenda and for interfering with the work of the foundation.

"I'm really very angry. The PUC has absolutely no business in determining ad content. We are trying to save lives. Our ads are reviewed by AIDS experts, including the San Francisco Health Department. It's a matter for public health experts."

All four commissioners apologized to Christen and other speakers for having to take time from their work to attend the meeting and said the agency had no business in determining which ads are acceptable.

Partners Petition Scrapped

Mayor Backs Health Coverage

by Dennis Conkin

A petition initiative to put domestic partners on the November ballot has been abandoned in favor of having it placed on the ballot by members of the Board of Supervisors, the Bay Area Reporter has learned.

Four supervisors must sponsor the legislation.

However, according to Supervisor Harry Britt, "no decision" has been reached as to the language of the measure.

According to sources, the proposed legislation provides only for the registration of gay and lesbian partnerships with the city.

With no health insurance benefits or other financial commitments in the ordinance, the legislation provides a procedure that allows gay couples to register their relationships with the city.

Spousal and domestic partners discrimination, according to Britt, can be remedied by action of the Board of Supervisors, as the policy statement attached to the defeated domestic partners legislation is already city law.

That policy requires nondiscrimination in terms of no cost benefits such as hospital visitation rights and other spousal benefits.

According to Britt, limiting the ordinance strictly to registration for lesbian and gay couples "focuses the issue more clearly than last time."

"I think it's wise to put it back on the ballot this fall. We can't afford to lose the momentum. Proposition S lost by a very slim margin, there were a (Continued on page 21) COMMUNITY OUTREACH
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GUEST OPINION

The New Fundamentalism am very pleased that B.A.R. readers have taken the time to re-

spond to my letter (B.A.R., 3/29, "No Sacred Cows") criticizing the dogma of 12-step groups. Drug abuse and recovery are important issues to the gay/lesbian community, and I originally wrote my letter in hopes of starting a dialogue on the issue of 12-step groups' domination of the recovery business.

However, I think it is imortant to limit our comments to the issues raised, not the personalities raising these issues. To accuse me of shooting heroin on the weekends, to say I dislike 12-step groups because I went to them and "couldn't cut the mustard," and then to conclude that my "brains could use a good washing" are all pure speculation on John S. Connolly's (Guest Opinion, "One in a Million," 4/19) part

Mr. Connolly, you don't even know me. The comments you have made about me are pure fantasy designed to smear me in hopes of discrediting my position. This tactic has no place in an intelligent discussion of ideas. Shame on you!

Let me clear up some further misunderstanding. I am very aware that alcoholism and drug addiction exist. I also know that some people do not have the ability to use drugs or alcohol respon-sibly, and, therefore, these people should probably abstain entirely. In addition, I see that some addicts and alcoholics thrive in 12-step programs and are very much helped by them. I have no quarrel with that.

But I do take great exception to the assumption that the 12-step program is the only way to recovery for all addicts. I also disagree with the dogma that 12-step groups promulgate as fact. I even feel that this dogma can be harmful to recovering people.

For example, I always got a chuckle at meetings when certain folks went up to get their awards for being "clean and sober" for so many days and then returned to their seats to continue chainsmoking. So many 12-step groups don't seem to be concerned with the deadly tobacco addiction that runs rampant among their

In addition, the 12-step philosophy's insistence on simplifying life's challenges with black-and-white solutions is just plain inappropriate for people living in a complex world. Specifically, the idea that abstinence is the **only** route to recovery is simply not true for some people.

Also, 12 steppers insist that one cannot recover on one's own. The addict must go to a 12-step group to get better. Not only do people recover on their own, some people recover from their destructive addictive patterns of drug/alcohol use and then go on to use drugs/alcohol in a responsible way.

I know this is true because I am living it. Before you dismisss my experience as denial, consider this. The only way I can really know something is to go through it myself. I can read all I want on a subject, talk to other people about it, and study it to my heart's content. However, the best way to truly get to know something in all its gross and subtle aspects is to actually experience it myself.

I came to the conclusions I am presenting here through the hard-won experience of my life. Because 12-step groups turned me off and because I was committed to my recovery, I found a way to recover on my own. I have been successful in my endeavor; my friends and family can verify this if you refuse to take my word.

As a result of my efforts in recovery, I came to see that some of the "wisdom" that 12-step groups disseminate is pure nonsense. If you take the time to read extensively in the fields of drug abuse, the social history of drugtaking in America and the latest scientific discoveries on the treatment of addiction, you will see that



ON BY "CROWD CONTROL" - WHAT USED TO BE POLICE BRUTALITY! much is known by science that directly contradicts the tenets of 12-step groups

If the reader would like to broaden his/her vision beyond the Stanton Peele, Pathways from Heroin Addiction by Patrick Biernacki, The Natural Mind by Andrew Weil and Heavy Drinking by Herbert Finagarette. It is important to realize that there are alternatives to 12-step groups and that people who aren't in tune with the 12-step fellowship (and there are many) have other resources where they can get help.

Finally, perhaps what bothers me most is the growing trend of drug fundamentalists in America. Led by the Reagans' "Just Say No!" policy, these people feel that drugs are inherently evil and must be suppressed at all costs.

Disregarding the fact that human beings possess an innate drive to get high, these zealots trample all over our rights to privacy as they carry on their witch hunts ruining lives and careers as they go. This anology to fundamentalism is carried even furthr when you have 12-step groups offering their services as the only way to recovery. Sound familiar?

As gays and lesbians, we've been down this road before. And I, for one, Just Say No More! -John Gettys

The Controversial Mr. Limbaugh

he Gay and Lesbian Alliance Agaist Defamation, San Francisco Bay Area Chapter has reached sufficient understandings with a national program distributor and local radio tation KGO in a controversy surrounding talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

In separate meetings with Edward McLaughlin, who distributes the Limbaugh program to 212 stations and more than 1 million listeners nationwide, and with KGO station manager Mickey Luckoff, GLAAD/SFBA representatives conveyed deep concerns regarding Limbaugh's misinformation about AIDS, and his use of the derogatory words such as "faggot."

Limbaugh has consistently taunted lesbians and gays with insults, false statements and erroneous statistics

GLAAD/SFBA Media Committee Chair Zane Blaney says GLAAD/SFBA asked KGO for time to respond to Limbaugh's comments. "However," he added, "we have not asked for Limbaugh to be discontinued or taken off the air."

KGO's Luckoff has made a commitment to seriously consider reinstituting a gay and lesbian program on his station

GLAAD/SFBA representatives were joined by Project Inform's Martin Delaney in expressing additional concerns about Limbaugh's exploitation of the AIDS crisis.

Limbaugh has said that efforts to educate the public about AIDS have "not saved a single life." He recently misrepresented the findings of a San Francisco Department of Public Health study, stating that it had found a "thirty percent increase in promiscui-" among gay men

In fact, the study found no change in the incidence of unsafe sex among gay males since 1987, and documented an actual decrease in the incidence of the most unsafe categories of sexual activity.

McLaughlin, who also distributes the Dr. Dean Edell show, said he does not condone the use of derogatory terms and inflammatory comments about lesbians and gay men. He promised that Limbaugh will stop calling lesbians and gays by the highly inflammatory names he has used in the past. McLaughlin also gave his assurances that Limbaugh would be educated on the facts of AIDS, probably by Dean Edell.

KGO's Luckoff has said, "we don't condone the use of such words." He added that he expects Limbaugh to be responsible in the future, especially with regard to AIDS.

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission objects to the use of words such as "faggot" and "dyke GLAAD/SFBA will continue to monitor Rush Limbaugh.

LETTERS

Article Inaccuracies

★ Thanks ever so much for your coverage of the Mint's tricycle race on Memorial Day. As a recent transplant from Manhattan, it was an honor to participate, place and donate the winnings to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

AIDS Emergency Fund.

I do, however, wish to correct some inaccuracies in the article by Allen White. First, the winning team did not announce they were donating the firstplace \$300 prize back to the fund. It was the second place team of Chuck Gomes (not Goles) and Don Killam (not Phill Barbour), representing the Lesbian and Gay Chorus, that made that annoncement and the third place team (representing Hot 'n' Hunky) followed suit. The first place team donated their winnings to an ill friend.

Thanks again for your coverage.

Chuck Gomes San Francisco

Support OurMinority Youth

★ The phrase, sexual minority youth, refers to young people (under 25), who have been physically or sexually abused, young prostitutes and those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transvestite (cross-dressers), transsexual (sex change), or who exhibits behaviors that cause them to be treated as if they belong in one of these ceterwise. of these categories.

Some are abused and neglected by their families, teachers, counselors and others who are supposed to care for and protect them. Sume run away, encountering prostitution, drugs, violence, homelessness, ostracism, parental abandonment and even suicide. Most, however, are "ordinary" individuals, except they spend their time hiding who they are - alone.

who they are — alone.

The gay community has heard several approaches concerning multi-service center(s) for youth, i.e., the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Center with a socialization drop-in program for youth, Gay High School and a proposed Gay Community Center. All worthy programs that gave hope, although the Bay Area has generally overlooked this merging segment of our population, leaving apathy and discord.

Between live 1088 and language 1090, 40 percent

Between June 1988 and January 1990, 40 percent of Bay Area youth groups were discontinued. And rap groups only provide a limited resource for today's young gays. Our youth are running out of options.

In recent months, several new programs have been mentioned in the media, all with merit. A need exists for both public and private agencies' support as well community endorsement. Don't leave our future in the close

Michael Nulty San Francisco

No Slight Intended

★ I feel compelled to type a few words in defense of my colleague Craig Seligman of the *Examiner* who was taken to task by Kate Brandt last week for his observations about the marketing of the film Longtime Companion.

Brandt, I believe, misread Seligman's comments about the distributor's choice of a theatre for the film's San Francisco premiere, the Cinema 21 in the Marina.

Chema II in the Marina.

The question the Examiner critic was trying to raise was that in its zeal to make the film "cross over" to a straight audience, perhaps the distributor was deliberately ignoring the gay community. This type of marketing campaign is not without precedent. Although he didn't include the fact in his review, I imagine Seligman is aware that Longtime's distributor, the Samuel Goldwyn Co., did precisely the same thing the last time it had a "gay" picture, Donna Deitch's Desert Hearts. Desert Hearts.

Knowing this, most every gay critic in town asked the same question Seligman did, why book the film in a notoriously "straight" part of town. I did not perceive Seligman's comments as a slight to gays, but rather as a query as to whether or not history might be repeating itself. I called the film's publicist myself to find out why it had been booked at the Cinema 21 and she told me the answer was simply that the theatre had outbid the Castro, Regency and others that had vied for the booking. Which, I suppose, makes all of this moot in the final analysis.

Of course, all gays do not live in the Castro or Polk areas, but if Longtime hadn't gotten the three and four star reviews it got from the Examiner and the Chronicle, only the gay community could have saved the picture here. Clearly, "gay" pictures do better in the Castro and Polk areas, in pairs of any "terretryping" that might as, in spite of any "stereotyping" that might

I can think of several gay pictures that failed in San Francisco when booked to the wrong theatre, the most glaring example being Pedro

Almodovar's Law of Desire, which flopped at the Kabuki complex after selling out the Castro to close the gay film festival a few years ago. Gays, who obviously know the way to the Kabuki did not, reportedly, appear in sufficient numbers during the commercial run. A representative for that film's distributor told me at the time she wished that she'd booked the film either at the Castro or the Lumiere.

As for a defense of Mr. Seligman's invocation of the names of those gay icons Judy Garland, Diana Ross and Joan Crawford, could perhaps he have done so purely for alliterative reasons?

I think that Mr. Seligman writes some of the best criticism in the Examiner. He is rather attentive to gay issues and I'd hate for B.A.R. readers to be left with the impression that he's readers to be left with the impression that he's some homophobic ogre toiling away at the Ex. In recent months, for instance, he's chided the director of Sand and Blood for failing to deliver on a homosexual subplot (something, if memory serves correctly, blew right over the head of the Chronicle's critic) and excoriated a Hollywood studio for blatantly homophobic scenes in a mainstream release. Although I do not know him, I also found Brandt overly stern toward Terence Rafferty of the New Yorker. It seemed to me that Mr. Rafferty was merely saving that the film Mr. Rafferty was merely saying that the film might have been better had it included some of the more outrageous elements of our community. It's not beside the point, either. These folks were definitely on Fire Island, where the film's opening scenes take place.

While I believe that it is important that we go after members of the mass media who attack us, I also believe that it is important not to be look-ing for trouble where there is none and for slights where none are intended.

One final note: Isn't Ms. Brandt doing a bit of stereotyping herself with her comment: "God, these straight men certainly have a fixation on Diana Ross"? One — or maybe even all · of the people she lambastes just might be gay.

Daniel Mangin San Francisco

Thanks, Leather Community

* This is an open letter to the leather community at large. Due to personal reasons I am no longer involved in the promotion and production of various events, specifically Leather Weekend at the Russian River and the Ms. San Francico Leather Contest. However, please be assured that these events will continue to be produced by qualified persons.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all individuals and organizations who enabled me to produce the numerous events I have been involv-ed with over previous years. Without your continued love and support, none of it would have been possible.

I am very grateful for the friends, experience and enjoyment I have been blessed with through my involvement in these events. I wish the very best to all who will participate in the ongoing creation of the unique expression that is *LEATHER*.

Kathleen Gage AKA Mistress Kathy Guerneville, CA

Thanks from The Center

★ On behalf of the clients, volunteers and staff of The Center, I want to thank the Revolettes for their benefit performance on April 28 for Project Inform and The Center. "From the Chapel to the Gutter" raised over \$3,600 for the two organizations and we are deeply grateful for their support and the support of their loyal fans.

It means a great deal to all us us here at The Center to have the support of friends in the community like the Revolettes and their followers. Without the continuing, generous contributions of our friends, we would not be able to continue providing supportive services to those affected by AIDS/ARC.

The Center is relatively new (founded in 1987) and not very well-known outside Alameda County. We have more than 200 volunteers providing direct services to over 330 clients. Our services are all free of charge and include a drop-in day center with hot midday meals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry facilities and hair cuts, pastoral counseling and psychotherapeutic counseling; support groups; practical support services; the AIDS/ARC Food-Bank; and soon, a van transportation program to medical and social services.

Thank you again Revolettes! We love you

John C. Daw, Executive Director The Center, Oakland



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The Big Squeeze

★ The last time I and a very good friend went dancing at the I-Beam, years ago, he and I were the only two men dancing [together]. The rest were either straight or wouldn't get out on the dance floor. We didn't stay long and never went

Now, the bar is crying to be saved, after kicking out the people who made it what it was: gay people who like to go out, spend a little money and have a good time free of macho games by straights.

The Oasis made the change from gay to straight and now the EndUp wants to go straight once a week. What's next? Every night of the

The prices charged for the different parties are too much to make it a regular thing to do. Is money so important that, instead of making some, some isn't enough? So the gays are slowly driven away from their places, prices go up, and we get more fag bashers in the area.

I have a friend, Billy, who was hit in the chest by a chain by a group of four bashers hanging around the Watering Hole at 2:30 a.m. How long before the Castro starts these changes? I hope and pray, never. This squeeze out is killing us.

Lonnie Lee

Saving Our Students

★ I am a teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District. I am also a member of the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE) and the Gay and Lesbian United Educators (GLUE). I wish to address the Project 10 proposal currently before the San Francisco Board of Education.

Project 10 is a dropout program aimed at les-bian, gay and bisexual youth. Project 10 is also a resource of accurate information regarding sex-ual orientation for all youth.

Project 10 won't cost the school district money as the superintendent has said. Fifteen hundred as the superintendent has said. Fifteen hundred and eleven (ISI) high school students have dropped out of high school so far this year. If Project 10 could keep just one percent of those dropouts in school (although ten percent is probably a more accurate representation of the lesbian and gay student population) only 15 students, at an A.D.A. rate of \$3,030 — more than enough money to furd Periot. 10 and 11 the coordinates the students are full periot. to fund Project 10 and its coordinator

Even more important than saving the district money, Project 10 will be saving some of its students who are greatly "at risk" — at risk of being isolated and rejected; at risk of dropping out and at risk of committing suicide.

Not only is there a need for a Project 10 type program, but there is a need for a coordinator of program, but there is a need for a coordinator of the program. A coordinator would oversee im-plementation and continuity of services and in-formation. A coordinator would facilitate communication and support between the school district and the lesbian and gay community.

As educators and as a school district, we have an obligation to the students of San Francisco including lesbian, gay and bisexual youths. We must provide them with accurate information, a support system and an educational environment free of homophobia and harassment.

John Stubbins San Francisco

"Coping" Doesn't Help

★ UCSF has done it again! Now the school announces its Coping Project "to learn how gay men who are the partners of men with AIDS are coping with the stress of providing care to loved ones." Participants will be followed for two years: "Our goal is to create programs to help those who will become caregivers in years to come."

We already know about Langley-Porter's AIDS Health Project, a multimillion dollar corporation that continally ad libs unconvincing reasons for its existence, even if it means treating HIV positive and negative clients as if they were positive and negative clients as if they were psychiatric patients. The employment agreement for AIDS Health Project managers apparently promises that after a couple of years they'll be funneled enough money to support themselves as "independent consultants" to the AIDS in-

Note the self-perpetuating nature of the prorote the self-perpetuating liature of the program and the assumption that we are going to be dying for years to come. The Coping Project is funded by NIMH. How much for the first year? \$200,000? Half-a-million? Doubtless to be renewed and increased on a yearly basis.

I could write the papers now that will result from the Coping Project's million-dollar study; the awful bland platitudes about the importance of "communication" and "quality time to take

care of yourself" and further research being needed. The Coping Project and the AIDS Health Project will cross-refer clients, thus adding to their lists of clients to prove they need even more

Every program that could save our lives is in continual jeopardy. We allow the NIH to drag its feet testing the drugs that could keep us alive. We continual jeopardy, we allow the FMT to drag its feet testing the drugs that could keep us allive. We allow PWAs to go homeless and without medication. We let the Gay Rescue Mission beg for pennies. We let AIDS benefits counselors reach the point of closing down for lack of funds. ACT UP demonstrations attract fewer of us than the patio at the Eagle on Sundays.

But we let the government throw our money But we let the government throw our money at a yuppie bureaucracy trying to make its useless social service "skills" fit where the new money is. The number of bureaucrats and "mental health professionals" in San Francisco with a vested interest in our getting sick and dying is ten times the number of those involved in finding a cure or an insulin equivalent for AIDS.

The quality of life for PWAs and their partners would be better improved if the Coping Project's grant was handed out in fistfuls on the steps of the AIDS Clinic any weekday morning.

Ken Martin San Francisco

And Now the Beer

The following letter was sent to the president of Miller High Life Brewing Company, c/o Golden Brand Beverage Distributors, 255 Channel St., San Fran-

★ The local lesbian/gay press reports that it has ★ The local lesbian/gay press reports that it has recently become necessary to organize a boycott of Marlboro cigarettes, due to the maker's substantial financial support of Senator Jesse Helms. The boycott protests this support. The senator is obsessed, among other pursuits, with derailing effective AIDS legislation based on his virulent anti-homosexual focus. The money contributed to Senator Helms funds demagogic campaigns and helps re-elect him to continue his fanatical course in Congress.

It has been suggested that the boycott include other major products of the company, including Miller High Life. I have decided to participate in Miller High Life. I have decided to participate in the boycott based on my outrage both as a citizen and as a gay man, at the hatred which is the senator's stock in trade. Miller is my favorite beer and I buy it regularly, so I shall indeed miss it. Nevertheless, I am now drinking a different brand which I like less because money which buys Miller helps to support Senator Helms. I am, furthermore, taking every opportunity to encourage others to do the same, an effort which has already met with some success.

The Rev. Michael E. England San Francisco

Glasnost, Gays and Tolerance

The following letter was sent to Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union.

★ Dear Mr. Gorbachev:

Although most of us in the gay communities Anthogn most of us in the gay communities in this country have generally and enthusiastically supported what is perceived here as movement towards a freer society in your country, we are disturbed, puzzled, and saddened by reports that these same freedoms are not being extended to the thousands of lesbians and homosexuals who, no doubt, live in the Soviet Union.

Today [June 4], when we heard your eloquent, hopeful speech that was so well-received at Stan-ford University emphasizing the need for "world tolerance," we ask and plead for the same tolerance to be extended to our lesbian and gay sisters and brothers who live in mortal fear of ex-pressing the unsuppressable and innate nature of their lifestyle. History has taught us time and time again of the dire consequences suffered by of their lifestyle. Instory has taught us time and time again of the dire consequences suffered by society as a whole when it denies basic rights to any one of the many minority groups that comprise that particular society.

We in the lesbian and gay community would like to continue to support your bold and ambitious plans, and would hope that you and your government will support and include the rights of lesbians and gay men so that they may fully participate in the benefits brought on with glasnost and perestroika.

We sincerely hope that your calls for tolerance will include the so often referred to as "despised minorities" of lesbians and gay men. Our community has much to teach the world about compassion, love and understanding — in essence, tolerance itself. I am sure that if given the slightest encouragement all of society will benefit from the collective wisdom and experi-ence of our lesbian and gay brethren.

Leonard A. Simpson, M.D. San Francisco

ETTERS

Pretentious Sniveling

* To Lily Hickman, who spent several column inches childishly lamenting the whiteness of the Pursuit-of-Happiness poster: Nobody disputes the seriousness of AIDS for non-whites. You, however, seem to challenge the need for AIDS education aimed at anybody else.

The poster that so upsets you aims to promote safe sex using erotic undertones. Since the beginning of the epidemic, most locally produced posters in this category have shown both whites and non-whites. This incidentally is not the case in many other cities, even those with large non-white populations. San Francisco's AIDS agencies have always strived to be racially and ethnically inclusive.

The cutrent condoms are for lovers ad, which

The current condoms-are-for-lovers ad, which seems to run in every issue of every gay paper, depicts a black man and a white man. And one of the earliest prevention posters of the '80s show-ed the naked forms of two men, one white and one non-white

In fact, almost every locally produced prevention poster with two or more people in it has featured a person of color. For you to be so totally inflamed by the recent poster is reverse racism
— which is just as despicable as the other kind.

You, Lily, are a professional offense-taker, an irritant without a purpose. Your pretentious sniveling serves only to demoralize an already burnt-out volunteer force. Those of us doing actual work to stop this epidemic are sick of attitudes like yours. Exactly what are you doing to help? Judging from your attitude, probably nothing.

Paul M. Gonzalez San Francisco

A Different Era

 \bigstar I saw Allen White's story about the demise of gay bars. Many people feel that we've reached the end of an era. Let me say that there is a factor at work that people may not have considered.

The gay liberation movement has accomplish-The gay liberation movement has accomplished its goals. Many younger gays don't feel the need to socialize in exclusively gay places, so a good number of venues are mixed, not exclusively gay or non-gay. In the Sentinel a few issues ago, adrag queen was complaining that a new gay environment has sprung up, and that they didn't feel a part of it. Actually, it wasn't the drag. It was probably the attitude.

The people who go to the new mixed places, such as the Covered Wagon, Peacock Lounge, Crystal Pistol and El Rio, don't care one way or the other about drag, leather or any of that. But nobody is going to pay much attention, either.

If a drag queen plans on making an "entrance," he may as well forget it. Younger people don't care about prima donnas. They go out to meet friends and make new ones. They're not going to a bar to seek refuge from anything (as many of us did), so they will not put up with people who bore them or situations which insult them.

A younger friend of mine was visiting from another city. He went to Castro Street bars and another city. He went to Castro Street pars and was shocked that everyone looked so sad. He had thought that here in "gay mecca" people would be lively, they'd be listening to the latest music (not the Beach Boys and Donna Summer), and they'd be more friendly. That's when I led him the hand to the Lower Haight and over to Valencia Street

In short, go out and enjoy, but realize that this is 1990. The gay revolution began before these people were born. They respect history, but they don't live in it anymore than we live in the Depression or in World War II. If you want to enjoy this new era, then listen to Live 105 and KUSF to catch up on the music; make friends with some younger people (male *and* female), and start liv-ing in 1990!

Roger Stark San Francisco

A Bartender's Rebuttal

* A while back, someone wrote a letter comw A while back, someone wrote a teter complaining about the "vulture bartenders" in the Polk Gulch area. The writer seemed to imply that these same bartenders were rude if they, the customer, did not lave a dollar tip. I am not quite sure what the writer experienced, but in my 16 years here in San Francisco, I have never experienced that kind of feeling from my fellow hartenders in the Polk Gulch area or any other. bartenders in the Polk Gulch area or any other area in the City.

A lot of people think that being a bartender is an easy job — wrong! But I think that we do the best job that we can do, and, yes we have bad days too. We try to do our best to show people a good time with charm, good music, humor, wit and, of course, cocktails.

I would like to thank my customers at the Polk Gulch Saloon for all of the fun you have shared with me. You have helped me pay my rent, eat

good food, help my friends who are ill and you've taught me a lot — by sharing your lives with me.

My last point is - quarters do add up, but it does not matter to me what you leave me — or ly that you are with me having a good time.

Gary A. Graham Polk Gulch Saloon San Francisco

Immature Staff

★ David Taylor-Wilson's article on Madonna sounded like something out of a pre-teen magazine. Gee, I'm glad she knows how to stroke her crotch. So do most women I know. The real question is: can she sing? No!

Hopefully, he'll go to see women with talent in the future (Tracy Chapman, Bonnie Raitt, Joan Armatrading). If not, I feel sorry for someone who gets off on no-talent bullshit.

Sorry, but walking around in a cone-shaped bra isn't something I'd pay money for. What an insult to feminists!

Of course, anyone is going to cause a commo-tion humping on a bed! Considering that the ma-jority of the audience from what I read was no more than 25, it was to them like their first view of a girlie magazine. Wow, man, far out!

Please get some mature writing staff to review music, okay?

Dorothy Brown Berkeley

Don't Jump to Conclusions

★ Call it the trials and tribulations of a quasi-* Call it the trials and tribulations of a quasi-AIDS patient. For the last six months I have been going through a lengthy health ordeal which I could not figure out and for which the cause was elusive. I changed this aspect of my life and I dropped several bad habits; I started to eat bet-ter, too and all of these things seemed to help, but only temporarily. only temporarily.

I finally begrudged the medical profession and consented to see a common doctor and they wanted me to start an immediate program of toxic drug treatments for AIDS on the slim evidence of my being HIV positive

Yet, with the kind of problems I was having, I knew that if I had AIDS, all of my T-cell and white blood cell counts and many other immune system indicators would be haywire; yet, all of my tests showed that my immune system was not in any trouble at all and, in fact, functioning very strongly given the problems I was having

Then, quite by accident, and for another matter, I happened to visit my dentist and lo and behold, underneath one my my recently capped molars, there were hideous signs of decay and rot. That was yesterday, and today, with the damnable thing cleaned out, suddenly all of my problems have contacted by a deal was presented. lems have come to a halt and I can feel my energy building with each passing moment!

building with each passing moment!

Now, after having gone through the experience and hearing from various friends of stories by others who experienced dread health problems only to find that the evils of tooth decay were the ultimate cause of their problems as well, might I make a suggestion to the AIDS groups and all concerned to begin to look toward the teeth as a potential source of problem - first hand- and that all such groups should recommend dental evaluation as an important and necessary first step to ensure proper understanding of cause and effect in this time of individual crisis?

Steve Perkins San Francisco

SOMA Souvenirs

★ For a forthcoming book on the grand old days of the South of Market biker/leather scene, I am requesting photos and photocopy memorabilia from the Tool Box to Ambush days. Also fairs, bike runs and leather parties of that period.

Let's show how it really was — a kind of time capsule with a blueprint for the future — after the scare is over! We have a good archive on the iast part, and would particularly appreciate seeing stuff from before. One of those postcards, say, with a long line of bikes parked around the Tool Box or in front of the Ramrod. Anything, though that is shocking beautiful memorable. that is shocking, beautiful, memorable

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Democrats Look Impressive

ianne Feinstein, out of office for more than two years and all but written off as a political has-been by many, is suddenly a woman to be reckoned with.

Feinstein's impressive win over John Van de Kamp in last week's gubernatorial primary makes her the newest political star in a political party that badly needs one.

Overnight, Dianne Feinstein has become the darling of the national media, and if, as many are now predicting, she defeats Republican Pete Wilson in November, she immediately be-comes a frontrunner in the Democrats' 1992 presidential

Make no mistake, the Feinstein campaign for governor is already a national campaign. Though Pete Wilson now has an advantage in campaign finances, money will be no problem in the Feinstein ef-fort.

Democratic contributors from across the country will be falling over each other to invest in history and become a part of a new national figure, and as it has been pointed out, Democratic Party leaders in both Washington and Sacramento will be working at a feverish pace to raise big bucks for a gubernatorial candidate who will be able to sign their all-important reapportionment

Any way you look at this one, Feinstein has to be the early favorite to win it all in Novem-ber. Not to suggest that Presi-dent Bush and the Republicans are going to hand the top job in the nation's largest state to Dianne and the Democrats without a knock-down, dragout slugfest, but, clearly, this could be the year that Democrats ride the political train headed by a former San Francisco mayor to victory and power again in Sacramento.

Feinstein starts off with the clear advantage of being "someone new" — she has the star quality needed to win this huge state; she is perceived as a "tough but caring" candidate, something voters in California haven't seen since the days of Ronald Reagan's early career.

Though Feinstein's politics are as different from Ronald Reagan's as night and day, she, like Reagan, has the personal charisma necessary to grab the attention of voters.

Feinstein is a liberal with common sense — enough sense to be strongly pro-choice

on the abortion issue while being tough enough on the crime issue to favor, in some cases, the death penalty.

Those two issues helped her win the primary, and the same two issues, coupled with a strong personal presence and administrative background, should carry her to success in



In addition, the Democratic Party slate is near-ideal — something that also plays well for Feinstein.

Her running mates include incumbent Lt. Gov. Leo Mc-Carthy, a proven vote-getter by virtue of the fact he has twice before been elected to that ofbefore been elected to that of-fice; a tireless campaigner in the person of attorney general nominee Arlo Smith, a man who can emphasize his background earn emphasize his back-ground experience of 25 years in the attorney general's office and his opposition to offshore drilling as well as his strong pro-choice stand on abortion — in contrast to his Republican opponent's well-known pro-life, conservative views.

Kathleen Brown brings a well-known name to the ticket as nominee for state treasurer; March Fong Eu, long a top vote-getter is the party nominee again for secretary of state, and Gray Davis is seeking re-election to the post of

Wilson, though having all the money he will need, as well as strong support from the na-tional GOP, has the burden of nonal GOP, has the burden of running with a lieutenant gov-ernor partner, state Sen. Marion Bergesen, who is strongly anti-abortion and a staunch conservative from Orange County.

Wilson is also saddled with Dan Lungren, the attorney-general designee who differs with the gubernatorial

nominee on a number of points, including abortion.

It is a sure thing that Feinstein and her slate will make an issue of how divided the Republicans are on the paramount issues that Californians find so important.

This column is not about to make a prediction this early as others have done - on the gubernatorial campaign, but from where we sit, Feinstein is indeed the candidate to beat in this one. She could very well carry the entire state Democratic ticket to victory in November.

Arlo Who?

At 9 p.m., Tuesday — one hour after the polls closed — Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner was facing the tele-vision cameras claiming that he "had won this nomination. by a substantial margin.

Enter Arlo Smith. Smith, given no chance of winning when he announced his can-didacy a year ago, defeated Reiner by nearly 95,000 votes, and becomes the immediate favorite by most political writers to be California's next attorney general

If ever a candidate deserved If ever a candidate deserved to win, it is Arlo Smith. Out-financed 3 to 1, unknown out-side the Bay Area, behind in the polls by 18 points, no one, save those few who knew his ability to campaign, gave Smith a prayer of a chance to Smith a prayer of a chance to defeat the richly financed, well-known, Los Angelesbased media star.

Smith knew his abilities bet-ter than anyone, traveled the state back and forth, sought key endorsements, took time to meet with every group time to meet with every group in California, no matter how small or how important people thought they were, made himself available to all, and beat Reiner by doing what he does best — campaigning and stressing his qualification.

Arlo Smith will probably defeat his lesser-qualified opponent and become the next attorney general. Smith has long wanted to head the state office in which he spent 25 years, and it couldn't happen to a nicer or more qualified man.

Overheard Election Night

One longtime Feinstein loyalist, watching U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer explain John Van de Kamp's loss from his L.A. headquarters, snapped, "I wonder if Boxer now thinks

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MURPHY'S MANOR









by Kurt Erichsen

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Author: AIDS Is Punishment

"Only you as an individual know why you contracted AIDS ... (You) felt the need to be punished," writes New-Age guru Brenda Hoffman in her "self-help" book A Climpse of "self-help" book A Climpse of the punished." self-help" book, A Glimpse of

Hoffman speculates further that "maybe AIDS is a cry of the belief system of many that homosexuality is unnatural or

Hoffman's reasoning goes something like this you cannot contract any disease unless you wish to; and disease was created by humanity as a whole to "move the planet in a different direction."

Anyone who's had enough of Hoffman's brand of punish-ment might wish to point out to her that AIDS is caused by a virus, and that no one willfully contracts the disease

Write to Brenda Hoffman, clo Life Tapestry Press, 1624 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, MN 55403, or call Life Tap-estry Press at (612) 333-0614.

Lesbians Overlooked

Write to Molly MacGregor, executive director of the National Women's History Project, and Mary Ruthsdotter, projects director, and ask why there is nothing about openly lesbian feminists or lesbian leaders or lesbian role models in the materials in their catalogue or conference pro-

Clearly, this is a misrepresentation of the true

history of women and the women's movement. Urge them to discover or develop them to discover or develop such material and incorporate it into their existing posters and display kits, classroom materials, workshops, books, and videos. Write to them at the National Women's History Project, 7738 Bell Road, Wind-sor, CA 95492.

UC Media Center

The University of California Extension Media Center is a supplier of educational films and videos to a large college secondary school, and adult market across the nation.

Write to them and ask why there are so few films or videos in their catalogue about les-bian/gay people. Why is there no material on the lesbian/gay rights movement? Why are there no biographies of famous lesbians or gay men? Suggest titles and sources of material you want to see in their catalogue. Write to Olga Knight, Executive Director, UCEMC, 2176 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.

Double Standard?

When Andy Rooney was suspended earlier this year, journalists jumped over each other to shout "censorship" at GLAAD and CBS. Never mind that CBS has a right to decide what more on its airwayes that what goes on its airwaves, that true censorship is exercised by the government rather than the media, that nobody sug-gested that Rooney be outright

silenced, and that the gay and lesbian community's view-point is rarely represented on CBS (or other stations).

What GLAAD would like to know is: where is the censor-ship sensibility hiding in the brouhaha involving Newsday columnist Jimmy Breslin?

Since Breslin made racist comments about an Asian-American reporter, three Asian-American organizations have asked for his dismissal, and 51 Newsday reporters and photographers have petitioned Newsday to "respond with ac-

condemns Breslin's racism. But we also believe that the charges of censorship we ex-perienced during the Rooney affair were actually disguised homophobia.

The lack of similar response so far to those demanding Breslin's firing suggests that our interpretation is valid.

It will be interesting to see if the same journalists who con-demned Rooney's suspension now criticize Breslin's. We encourage you to write to your favorite daily newspaper to raise some of these issues for thought. If you wish to write to Newsday, write: Anthony Marro, Editor, Newsday, 2 Park Ave., New York, NY

Business Week

A recent issue of Business Week magazine included a small article by Jeffrey Rothfeder titled "Stopping the Junk-Mail Juggernaut."

The article's intention was to help people reduce the amount of junk mail they receive. Un-fortunately, when Rothfeder tried to illustrate the point, he slipped into homophobic stereotyping.

"Last year, a New Yorker gave money to help AIDS research. The next week, her mailbox was flooded with homosexual pornography," he

People I know who have given money to help AIDS research and education have never received unsolicited homosexual pornography.

Perhaps the woman in question really did have this nega-tive experience. But it's quite possible that the woman, and Rothfeder, can't and won't make the distinction between gay activism and gay porno.

Write to clarify this distinc-tion to Stephen Shepard, Editor-in-Chief, Business Week, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 39th Floor, New York, NY 10020. Send a copy to author Jeffrey Rothfeder at the same address.

Frat Flap

The University of Vermont chapter of the Acacia fraternity recently pledged its first prospective black member, an prospective black member, an 18-year-old freshman from St. Croix. Not only did Acacia break its color line by pledging Winston Braithwaite, it also promised that as soon as he was initiated he would be made an officer.

While awaiting initiation, braithwaite informed Acacia that he is gay. Two days later the fraternity rejected him, claiming that some brothers were uncomfortable about the

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idea of taking showers and sleeping in the same house with him

The brothers at Acacia seem o miss the hypocrisy of eschewing racism on the one hand, while being openly homophobic on the other. Braithwaite is quoted in the Windy City Times, a Chicago gay newspaper, as saying, "I didn't join that fraternity for the sex. I just wanted to meet people. I guess I was just a lit-tle diverse for them."

A recent issue of *Time* magazine had a major article about the problem of intolerance in fraternities and sororities. The article reported that, in general, college authorities forcing them to clean up their acts.

If you would like to suggest that the University of Vermont do the same with Acacia, write to the president: Dr. John Hennessey, Office of the President, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05401.

New York Daily News

New York Daily News
The New York Daily News
ran a column by Thomas Sowell headlined "Beware the
Halls of Poisoned Ivy" in
which Sowell warned parents
and their college-bound kids
that they need to be careful in
selecting a college because
there are "some very serious
dangers at many colleges, including some with prestigious
names and high academic names and high academic rankings."

He then described the problem of violent crime for a few lines, and continued, "crime is not the only important feature of campus life that the college brochure won't tell you about.

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Gay/Lesbian Programs

Not All Parents Are Straight
Sunady, June 17, 7 p.m., KQED Ch. 9: This documentary
profiles six families in which children are being raised by
gay and lesbian parents; it also explores the social and
emotional issues they face, as well as issues of legal
custody and discrimination.

Oscar Wilde: Spendthrift of Genius

Wednesday, June 20, 12:30 a.m., KQED Ch. 9: This film traces Wilde's flamboyant life from his academic years in Dublin and Oxford through his great literary and social successes in London and Paris. Recordings of Wilde's voice and many never-before-seen photographs evoke the personality and milieu of this witty and iconoclastic dramatist, celebrity and evile. dramatist, celebrity and exile

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Messiah and entourage.

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Community Action News Monday, 7:30 p.m., Mountain View Cable 30 Wednesday, (1st, 3rd) 10 p.m., PCTV (Oakland, East Bay) Thursday, (1st, 3rd) 6:30 p.m., SF Viacom 6

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Monday, (4th) 10:30 p.m., Sacramento Cable 47
Wednesday, (1st, 3rd) 9 p.m., PCTV (Oakland, East Bay)
Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Mountain View Cable 30; (4th) 6:30 p.m., SF Viacom 6
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Wednesday, 8 p.m., SF Viacom 35
Friday, 7:30 p.m., KCAT South Bay Cable: The Palistinian
Liberation Festival; Jill Posner; Let It All Hang Out Day II;
lesbian safe sex; Jerome joins the "Twin Feaks" cast;
Bill Poole; the FBI/CIA man; and musician Peter Barclay.

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Police

ter because of the Office of Citizen Complaints findings and the pending litigation," Senkir told the Bay Area Re-porter. "It'll have to play itself out in the proper forum.

The suit also charges that after the conspiracy against demonstrators there was a cover up about the incident.

Gerard Koskovich, who obtained a copy of police videotape footage of the demonstration through the California Public Records Act, said that Chief Frank Jordan's statement before the Police Commission "clearly departs from the videotape" as well as written incidents filed by officers involved in the incident.

At the Dec. 13, 1989 meeting of the Police Commission Jordan provided a detailed response to questions of Commissioner Gwenn Craig about the police response to the inci-

At that meeting Jordan said the police action lasted 46 minutes, that a second sit-in and provocation by demonstra-tors throwing objects at the po-lice following the arrest of a group of activists staging a sitin brought on the police sweep.

ccording to Koskovich, the police videotape shows that the action took at least 2-1/2 hours and that the police videotape does not support Jordan's allegations regarding the reasons for the sweep.

"If the police commission was doing its job, if the chief of police was doing his job, if the mayor was doing his job we wouldn't have had to file this suit. But it's the only way to ge them to take this seriously, Koskovich said.

"The commission is taking it seriously, so is the OCC, and so, too, is the mayor. It's incorrect and a little premature to say they are not. The charges are still being brought forward. The mayor is very interested in having the commission hear the charges and it will," Agnos spokesman Scott Shafer said.

On Oct. 21, 1979, police attacked gay people in the Castro on the White Night riots. They beat people up and no one did anything. On Oct. 6, 1989, police attacked gay people in the Castro. This time they won't get away with it," said Brian Bringardner, a member of the Oct. 6 Justice

Bringardner filed a com-Bringardner filed a com-plaint with the Office of Citizen Complaints after he saw a protester, Michael Barnette, clubbed in the head with an over the head blow. Barnette has filed a separate

In May the Police Commission sustained charges "of un-necessary force" against TAC Captain Richard Cairns in that

Cairns has denied the charges.

charges.
According to OCC Director
Michael Langer, 37 complaints
regarding police conduct were
filed in the aftermath of the incident. They were separated into 13 different cases. Seven cases had a disposition of "other than sustained." Two cases have had charges sustained. Two cases are expected to be resolved this week and two are still pending.

However, Cunningham said that some plantiffs chose not to file complaints with the OCC.

"There was a general lack of confidence that it would go anywhere. Another reason is the possibility that if you talk to OCC, your statements could be subpoensed and you could end up in front of a grand jury," he told the Bay Area Reporter.

"It's an instrument of the public prosecutor. They're in league with the cops. People called before a grand jury don't have the right to have a lawyer present. There have been a lot of problems with the grand

"In the Dolores Huerta case, they used it to turn the case around and used it to blame demonstrators," Cunningham

The plaintiffs are also filing for damages under the California Ralph Act, which establishes penalties for convictions of assaults motivated by sexual orientation prejudice, including a minimum \$10,000 fine upon conviction.

Black

preparation, from writing up the questionnaire to training interviewers.

As a result, a clearer picture As a result, a clearer picture of the differences between white and black gay popula-tions emerged. Safer sex pro-grams can be altered on the basis of such findings to make them more effective.

According to Task Force spokesperson Al Cunning ham, "We saw that African ham, American gay men were more isolated from each other than whites. They do not congregate in specific places to form a captive audience. They also get little support from tradi-tional social pillars, like fam-ilies and churches. The common perception is that AIDS is just one of many things affec-ting the black community, and people tend to push it aside.'

Meanwhile, "black men are dying almost five times faster than white men from AIDS," Cunningham said.

One fundamental question the Task Force did not take up is the present rate of HIV transmission among gay blacks. The transmission rate in whites seems to have gone down dramatically but Cunny down dramatically, but Cunningham complains that "the government doesn't break these figures down ethnically, so it's hard to tell exactly what's happening. Our sense is that the numbers are continuing to climb for men of color.

Now that the survey is com-pleted, his organization is busi-ly seeking funding for pro-grams that will focus African-Americans' attention on AIDS



Reggie Williams

and give them the sense of selfesteem and empowerment necessary to more uniformly adopt protective measures.

Food

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queried Helms. "Likely, very few."

A prominent Chicago attorney who represents workers in Midwestern supermarkets and meat-packing plants reacted with shock to this argument: "For five years, state disability laws have been applied to pro-tect people with AIDS, and customer objections have never been considered a valid excuse for discrimination.'

Washington lobbyists like Deutsch and Greg King of the Human Rights Fund blame the restaurant industry for pushing the Chapman Amendment through a Congress sensitive to election-year poli-

"It's clear that we are up against a very tough opponent in the National Restaurant As-sociation," King said. "It's a significant setback that the U.S. Senate gives credence to arguments that are based on irrational fears."

Deutsch worries that many companies will take advantage of the law to reduce their medical insurance costs.

'It's a great way to remove employees needing long-term care," she says, "Companies have to offer alternative posi-tions. But what are the equivtions. But what are the equiv-alent jobs for flight employees? In general, what happens in companies without openings? Our attorneys think targeted

workers could be fired in such instances

Even if they're not fired, employees could be more subt-ly pushed out by forced transfer to jobs for which they are not qualified or that have unacceptable working conditions.

Deutsch claims that flight attendants are particularly incensed.

"We have received many calls from frightened members who want to continue with their chosen profession, and we are taking this very seriously for all PWAs who are flight attendants," she said.

The furious lobbying effort now under way may yet keep the disabilities law intact, with full protection for HIVers. — B.A.R. Washington correspondent Cliff O'Neill corre dent Cliff O'Neill contributed to this report.

Friday

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that Pete Wilson is the 'real feminist' in this race? Undoubtedly, there are a lot of hard feelings left from this bitter Democratic race, but one of the classiest acts of the night was certainly Van de Kamp's concession speech. Some of his still-bitter supporters could take a lesson.

Democratic Stars

Speaking of new party stars, the L.A. Times cites North Carolina's Harvey Gantt, the black former mayor of Charlotte who takes on the homophobic Jesse Helms in November, and of course, Feinstein, who the Times predicts will, if she wins, become the Democratic Party's leading candidate for president in 1902

As the *Times* points out, it should be remembered that Reagan first ran for president in 1968, two years after becoming California governor, and Jerry Brown ran in 1976, two years after he won the governorship.

One Times reporter even went so far as predict a Feinstein win in November, suggesting a Democratic ticket in 1992 of Feinstein at the top with Virginia's Gov. Douglas Wilder for veep.

Oakland's Mayoral Race

A fourth term for Oakland's Mayor Lionel Wilson just wasn't in the cards as the veteran mayor goes the way of the Oakland Raiders. Voters in November will choose between Councilman Wilson Riles Jr. and Assemblymember Elihu Harris, both thought to be more pro-gay than Wilson. As an activist from the East Bay told me, "We can't go wrong with either of them."

Wilson Using Agnos?

GOP gubernatorial nominee Pete Wilson told Sacramento reporters he would campaign against Feinstein "by attacking her record and using quotes from Art Agnos" (maybe he should ask John Van de Kamp how successful the tactic was).

Doris Ward Event

Mayor Agnos, Supervisor Harry Britt and Speaker Willie Brown are among chairpersons of a re-election kickoff reception for Supervisor Doris Ward being held Tuesday, June 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Castagnola's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf. Cocktails, hors d'oeuveres, dancing, \$125 donation. Call 771-6471 for info.

Ward has been a friend of the gay and lesbian community from the day she entered public life and is one of the incumbents who deserve reelection, unlike one of the other incumbents who seems to only be around looking for our help at re-election time (and I'm just waiting to ask one particular incumbent where in hell she/he was when we could have used some help on Proposition S). But never fear, this supe will be coming, hat-in-hand to the gay clubs asking for an endorsement again.

Hongisto for Assessor

One local race that should be easy for all of us is that for assessor between longtime friend Richard Hongisto and

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The prevalence of drugs, drunkenness and homosexuality will also be of interest to some people."

Vice lists that include homosexuality are very tired but obviously not dead. So spring a stamp for Michael Pakenham, Editorial Page Editor, Daily News, 220 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017. —Ben Carlson

Congratulate the media for fair and accurate coverage of lesbians and gays. Protest defamatory coverage. Contact the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation of the San Francisco Bay Area for media address and phone numbers. Notify GLAAD/SFBA of all defamations, and if possible supply us with copies or recordings. Our hotline number is (415) 861-4588, our fax number is (415) 863-4740, and our mailing address is Box 38, 2370 Market St., San Francisco,

CA 94114.

Benefit Scheduled For Activist Peron

by Gregory Douthwaite

Gay activist Dennis Peron, arrested in January for selling marijuana, will hold a benefit performance for his legal defense on June 15.

Peron, a former candidate for supervisor, said he needed to raise \$15,000 to pay attorneys' fees for his trial, which is scheduled to begin July 2.

Friday's performance, hosted by Sister Sadie Sadie the Rabbi Lady, starts at 8 p.m. in the Women's Building. The concert will feature music ranging from punk to hippie to spiritual-political, as well as poetry and speeches.

A \$10 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Peron and three other men were arrested Jan. 25 in their Castro-district apartments. Police said they seized more than 40 pounds of marijuana, two pounds of hashish and a pound of psilocybin.

The others arrested were: Steven Heselton, 31; John Entwistle, 26; and David Langley, 22. Each is represented by a separate attorney. All face up to 15 years in prison, Peron said.

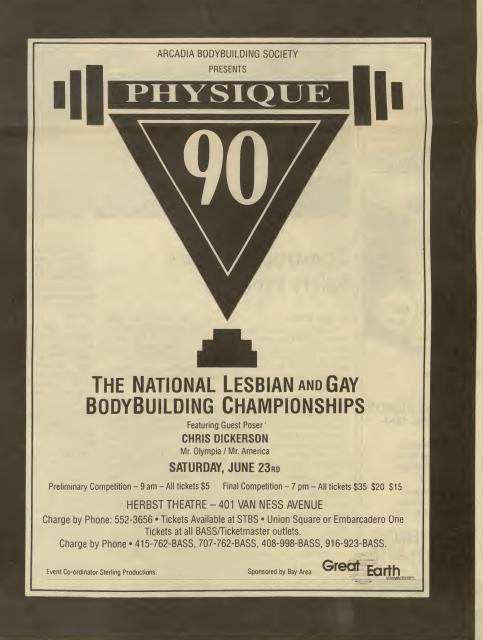
Peron, 43, said he was being harassed because police hate gay people. The cops wore rubber gloves and called him "faggot" when they busted him, he said.

Peron is the author of Proposition W, a San Francisco initiative that decriminalized the possession, sale and cultivation of marijuana. Prop. W was passed by 58 percent of voters in 1978.

The chief guarantors of Prop. W, Harvey Milk and George Moscone, were killed soon after the initiative passed, and police are ignoring it, Peron said.

Peron has started a letterwriting campaign protesting the enforcement of marijuana laws.

Peron has spent a total of 18 months of his life in jail on marijuana charges.



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CONFERENCE

AIDS Researcher Gallo **Drops Out of Conference**

by Keith Clark

The U.S. researcher credited with co-discovering the HIV virus, widely believed to cause AIDS, has announced that he will not be attending the Sixth International Conference on

Dr. Robert Gallo of the Na tional Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md., gave no ex-planation for his decision, prompting speculation that the controversial researcher was avoiding the event because of questions raised recently nected with the discovery of HIV.

A spokesman for the conference minimized Gallo's decision not to attend as simply an indication the AIDS researcher "probably has no major findings to report." But an official with the U.S. Public Health Service in Washington, Jim Brown, spec-ulated that Gallo's absence may have been prompted by recent charges that he stole credit for discovering the HIV virus from French AIDS researcher Dr. Luc Montagnier of the Pasteur Institute.

"[Gallo] might not feel like taking any public heat over the controversy," Brown said.

Montagnier has charged that Gallo represented the virus as his own discovery several months after Montagnier had sent samples of it to Gallo's laboratories. Gallo has insisted he discovered the virus.

Earlier in May, however, the National Institutes of Health appointed an outside medical research panel to investigate Montagnier's charges against Gallo.

Since the dispute over discovery erupted, the two researchers have avoided one

Montagnier is still sched-uled to attend the conference where he is expected to an-nounce several new medical findings, according to con-ference organizers.

There was also speculation that Gallo's decision not to at-tend the AIDS conference tend the AIDS conference stemmed from a controversy over an announcement earlier this year by Gallo that a Japanese drug was effective in causing a complete remission of Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer that often strikes people with AIDS.

At the time Gallo said he was having difficulty obtaining



Robert Gallo

the drug, but gave few details on his research.

researchers have criticized Gallo's discussion of the Kaposi drug as "premature" and "raising hopes for no reason." AIDS activists and medical



Construction Poses Safety Problem

by Allen White

Security problems at the up-coming AIDS Conference are being taken very seriously by the San Francisco Police Department, conference security nd other law enforcement of-

The last time an event was held in San Francisco of this size and with the potential for this high a level of civil disruption was the 1984 Democratic National Convention. The dif-ference between the two events are significant.

First, attempts to locate an area for demonstrations today is much more difficult. In 1984 the area across from Moscone Center was a parking lot. To-day it is a huge hole dropping almost 100 feet below the sidewalk level.

There has been considerable concern that if the demonstrations held in the area, which is directly in front of Moscone Center, get out of control, peo-ple might actually fall into the

Police say a prime demonstration area will be on Howard Street, directly in

front of the center. They also said they would put in new fencing and concrete blocks to minimize the possibility of people falling in the hole.

The parking lot at Mission and 3rd Street is also being considered.

Meanwhile, the area sur-rounding the center will be a rounding the center will be a traffic nightmare. Howard Street will likely be closed much of the time the conference is in session. The flow of traffic will be further impacted because Third Street may be closed because of democratical traffic. onstrations

Since the earthquake, Third Street has replaced the Em-barcadero Freeway as a key crosstown artery.

At a meeting last month in the mayor's office regarding security at the conference it was announced that a group of lesbian and gay police officers will be assigned inside the hall. Unlike many gay community events, there will be no community monitors on the street as a barrier between police and demonstrators

Police are also being given

special training relating to AIDS and possible fears and concerns of officers. Airport police were also present at the meeting as concerns have been made known regarding possible disruptions at the Customs

At last year's conference in Montreal, entrance to the conference was not controlled. It will be at Moscone Center. Enwill be at Moscone Center. En-trance will be tightly controll-ed with security badges, and the strongest security weapon will be the conference's ability to lift credentials from demonstrators.

The conference advance program states, "The conference will not tolerate disruptions intended to impede or prevent the flow of in-formation to conference delegates. Conference security will exercise all available remedies to ensure the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including ejection of disruptive delegates from conference sites and confiscation of conference badges." They also state, "the organizers are committed to preventing any threat to the free exchange of information resulting from disruption of its

The most disruptive demonstrations though may be on the streets of San Francisco. There are planned demonstations at the Immigration and Natural

ization Service offices and other federal office buildings. The Transamerica building will be the site of a protest be cause of their insurance prac-

Police Chief Frank Jordan Police Chief Frank Jordan said, "There is no question that police officers will be there to maintain a balance for both sides. If someone does get out of hand and if there is civil disobedience that goes beyond the interest of the latter of this into some sort of violence, or property damage or if someone is assaulting someone we, obviously, we will take over.

"It is our job to weed those people out and hold the line. We will be sensitive to the community's needs and the demonstrator's needs but that doesn't mean we will allow violations to take place and not take action. We have to do

"The message will come out loud and clear that if people want to engage in some sort of violent act or cause difficulties for everyone then we will weed them out and arrests will be made. There is no question about it."

Trinity Episcopal Pride Celebration

Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate Lesbian/Gay Pride Week with a Choral Eucharist on Sunday, June 17 at

The service will celebrate the lives of those who came before us and remember those who have died of AIDS or were martyred because of their sexual orientation.

Tom Traylor, former Southern Baptist minister, will be guest preacher. The Eucharist will be celebrated by the Rev. Ted Boya. The parish is an inclusive community with a traditional liturgy and a liberal theology. Evergree is unlowned. theology. Everyone is welcome.

Trinity Episcopal Church is located at Bush and Gough streets in San Francisco. The Rev. Robert Warren Cromey is

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adding to and compounding the problems," he said.

Dr. George Nicolosi, a Christian psychologist, said that homosexuality was a psychological problem that stemmed from a lack of male gender identity and that he had treated more than 100 men who wanted to change their sexual orientation.

He made a distinction between homosexual orientation and what he called "the gay lifestyle."

"Many homosexuals are insulted to be called gay,' Nicolosi said.

"That's because they're les-ians," shot back someone bians," shot back from the audience.

When the fundamentalist Christians spoke, the crowd rose in unison and stood with their backs to the board.

After five speakers from each side gave comments, the board considered the resolution briefly and then voted to

The program, slated to begin in September, provides a half-time resource person for a support and counseling program for "self-identified" lesbian and gay youth.

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Timothy Rodriguez and Mike Easton embrace during the school board meeting.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)



Project 10 supporters.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Compound (Continued from page 1)

a year ago that the drug was a highly effective cell killer that disrupted the sites cells use to manufacture protein.

Miraculously, it only seemed to penetrate placental cells (which is what made Q an effective abortifacent) and those infected by HIV.

This original assessment was too good to be true, and indeed, it wasn't. The first people to try Q suffered from a variety of serious side effects, including fatal and near fatal comas.

Significantly, sometimes life-threatening allergic reactions also occurred. It soon became apparent that compound Q was not a perfectly aimed magic bullet able to knock out AIDS with a single shot, and its popularity faded.

Today, it is emphatically recommended that no one take compound Q unless they are under a doctor's care.

Most of the San Franciscans followed by Project Inform are patients of Drs. Larry Waites and Alan Levin, who were unavailable for comment at press

According to Terry Beswick, Project Inform's research di-rector, Q's toxic effects no longer present tremendous dif-ficulties because these can now be largely anticipated and avoided, although allergic reactions remain troublesome but treatable.

Project Inform recently received Food and Drug Administration approval for a more formal official test of compound Q's virtues. This





The Beginning of 1,000 Miles

At a Shanti press conference on June 7, Sarah Lewenstein, and her son by Tom Waddell, announced the start of Brent Nicholson Earle's run to Vancouver to raise funds for AIDS charities.

will be a six-month multicity trial to observe long-term tolerance and effectiveness in people first treated last summer using Project Inform's suggested protocol.

In addition, traditional FDAsanctioned phase 1 trials to determine product safety and standardize dosages are being carried out in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Both these projects involve synthesized pure compound Q produced by Genelabs of Red-wood City rather than the possibly contaminated plant extract now being smuggled into the country from China by compound

underground.

Beswick is hopeful that the Genelab version will represent an improvement over the naturally derived material. He also notes that he has heard good rumors about developments in the FDA phase 1

"But we're still learning to manage toxicity," he cautions.

Project Inform will not issue any more information about compound Q until the Sixth International AIDS Con-ference to be held next week in San Francisco, where a complete follow-up of patients will

be made available.

It should also become clearer whether the results obtained were caused by compound Q alone. Many people on Q may well be taking AZT or other antiviral drugs along with it.

But Project Inform has no doubt that its past promotion of compound Q has been justified. In anticipation of future announcements, the organization warns, "Some of the worst critics of this drug had best be prepared to tone down their comments, lest they look enormously foolish in coming months."

Heating Blood to 115° Beneficial to PWA

by Rex Wockner

Atlanta doctors Kenneth Alonso and William Logan may have cured a person with AIDS by cycling his blood out of his body, heating it to 115 degrees Fahrenheit, and then returning it to him.

The man's Kaposi's sarcoma lesions disappeared and he now tests HIV negative. The procedure, called hyperthermia, took several hours and cost \$35,000.

"I'm cured of AIDS," Carlton Crawford, the patient, told the Dalton, Georgia Daily Citizen

News of the treatment, which took place in February, was made public by the Cable News Network in early June, and Alonzo and Logan are get-ting up to 700 hundred calls a day now from persons with AIDS and doctors.

AIDS and doctors.

Alonso and Logan are refusing to say they cured Crawford, but Alonso told the Associated Press: "We changed the disease. It's obvious that we did. . He went into complete remission. . . what the long-term prognosis is, we have no idea."

The AIDS establishment, from the Centers for Disease Control to the gay-community-based Project Inform, is scep-tical of the apparent cure.

Project Inform is particularly concerned about the possi-ble complications of returning heated blood to a patient. Crawford's body temperature rose to 108 degrees during the procedure.

The procedure took several hours and cost \$35,000.

Alonso said such a fever could cause severe complica-tions under routine cir-cumstances, but he said Crawford's ph, oxygen, min-eral and fluid levels were carefully monitored and maintained during the procedure.

Alonso and Logan are ready to test the procedure on other PWAs, but do not have the money to proceed.

Meanwhile, last month's miracle AIDS cure, low-dose interferon, is being given to 300 PWAs in Florida, according to *The New York Native*.

The unofficial study is being coordinated by the Fort Lauderdale PWA Health Alliance.
Spokesman Lenny Kaplan told the Native that some patients have seen a "drop-off" in KS, a rise in T-cells, and the disappearance of hairy leukoplakia and thrush.

An official study on oral interferon, which has reportedly cured more than 100 PWAs in Kenya, will begin shortly at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. Interested persons who have been diagnosed with AIDS/AIDS Related Complex thould contact. Dr. Joseph should contact Dr. Joseph



San Francisco Leads Nation In Violence Against Gays

by Cliff O'Neill

For the third year in a row, more anti-lesbian and anti-gay physical assaults were reported in San Francisco than in any other city in the country, according to a report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

The report also includes a national survey showing that California and Iowa are the only two states in the country with a full complement of laws designed to respond to such hate villence. These laws. hate viloence. These laws, allowing for statistics collec-tion, enhanced criminal penalties, civil recourse, and injunc-tive relief, are also in place in Washington, D.C..

Washington, D.C.
Community United Against
Violence documented 180 antilesbian and anti-gay physical
assaults during 1989. In addition to the physical assaults,
CUAV received reports of 54
threats, 20 acts of vandalism,
and 77 verbal altercations, for
a total of 331 hate-motivated in. a total of 331 hate-motivated incidents reported during the

The number of incidents reported in the Bay Area increased 67 percent in 1989 from the ed of percent in 1989 from the previous year. The national figures, however, were down 3 percent to 7,031 in 1989 compared to 7,248 in 1988, acording to the fifth annual "Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization and Defamation" report.

Of those, 2,332 were episodes of vandalism, intimidation, physical violence and even murder. The remianing 4,709 incidents documented in the report were cases of cerbal harrasment.

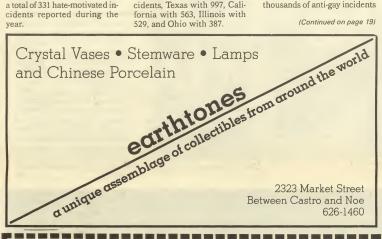
The actual extent of antilesbian and anti-gay violence is much greater than these figures indicate because of under-reporting by victims and a lack of systematic data collection throughout the United States.

States reporting the highest number of incidents were North Carolina with 1,204 in-cidents, Texas with 997, Cali-fornia with 563, Illinois with

Other cities reporting high other cities reporting high numbers of physical assault targeting lesbians and gays in-cluded New York City, with 90 physical assaults, Chicago with 79, Boston with 42, Ft. Worth with 31, and Los Angeles and Denver with 25.

Although the 1989 numbers were "slightly lower" than those in the group's 1989 report, Berrill, Anti-Violence Project director for the Task Force, said that the "relatively small difference" between the two years' figures and other factors suggests that "it is not possible to accurately guage how the national scope of the problem has changed."

Berrill cited a recent survey in the San Francisco Examinerr, which found that 7 percent of all gay men and women had been victimized in the previous year, as an indicator that the Task Force survey counts only a small por-tion of the possiby hundreds of thousands of anti-gay incidents



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National Briefs

AmFAR Grant for Needle Research

In an effort to determine whether clean-needle exchange programs for IV drug users can reduce AIDS-risk behavior, the American Foundation for AIDS Research has awarded \$60,000 American Foundation for AIDS Research has awarded \$60,000 to the Tacoma-Pierce County (Wash.) Health Department for a 10-month study of Tacoma's existing clean-needle exchange program. The funds, which were awarded by AmFAR's Basic Research Grants Program, will go to study the efficacy and implications of needle exchange programs — such as the one in Tacoma, which began in 1988. Clean-needle exchanges are supported by many AIDS experts in the United States and Europe because they allow IV drug users to exchange their used syringes for new ones, thus reducing the chance of addicts sharing their "works" and so preventing the spread of AIDS. In related matter, a pilot needle exchange program in Portland, Ore. ing their works and so preventing the spread of ADJS. In a related matter, a pilot needle exchange program in Portland, Ore. is "having a notable impact" on the city's drug using population, according to Kathy Oliver, director of Outside-In, a social service agency that received \$75,000 from AmFAR last year to begin

Mapplethorpe Foundation Donation

The estate of the late photographer Robert Mapplethorpe donated \$250,000 to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) at a May 22 gala dinner in Washington, D.C. to benefit Art Against AIDS. Michael Ward Stout, board member of the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation, presented a \$250,000 check to actress Liza Minnelli and Dr. Mathilde Krim, AmFAR's founding co-chair, during a dinner to raise money for AmFAR and several Washington community-based AIDS organizations. "You have all read about Robert Mapplethorpe and the exhibition which was mounted here last summer." said Stout. reactions. Not nave an read about Novel: Mappine to the action which was mounted here last summer," said Stout, as he presented the check. "But you have not read much about Robert Mapplethorpe, the artist who gave an enormous amount to our society and, in fact, to the world." Liza Minnelli, the Oscarwinning actress, told the audience that "Art can and does change society. Art can serve as a call to arms — as a battle cry against injustice, tyranny or human suffering."

PFLAG To Hire Executive Director

Parents and Friends of Lesbians & Gays will hire an executive director to administer its expanding program of support, edu-cation and advocacy on behalf of families with gay and lesbian members, Paulette Goodman, Parents FLAG Federation pres-ident, has announced. Accordingly, the organization has undertaken a nationwide search for an executive director who will head a paid staff at the federation's national office in Washington.

Connecticut Hate Crimes Law

Connecticut Gov. William O'Neill signed the state's hate crimes bill into law May 18, making Connecticut the eighth state to increase penalties for crimes motivated by dislike of another's sexual orientation. Those convicted under the statute face a maxual orientation. Those convicted under the statute face a maximum of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine. The measure addresses intimidation through physical contact, threats or property damage. O'Neill signed the measure in private and made no public statements. It takes effect Oct. 1. Seven other states impose stiffer penalties on those who commit hate crimes: California, Iowa, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oregon and Vermont. The District of Columbia also has a hate crimes law. Similar measures may see passage this year in Washington. law. Similar measures may see passage this year in Washington and Missouri, according to lobbyists. Rex Wockner

'Creating Change' Conf. Scheduled

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Lesbian and gay activists from around the nation will meet in Minneapols, Minn., Nov. 9-12, for the third annual Creating Change conference, the most significant political gathering of gay people in the country. The conference is sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and will be held at the Holiday Inn Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis. Creating Change '90 will feature leading activists from the national and grassroots gay and lesbian scene, prominent and provocative speakers, 42 skills-building workshops, social events, organizing sessions and more. This year the conference will offer two special pre-conference intensives on Friday, Nov. 9 — the Fundraising Institute and the People of Color Institute. The Fundraising Institute will present experts in the field of development and will focus on grassroots and regional groups. The People of Color Institute will address networking strategies, alliance building, women of color issues, and how the Black, Latin, Native American and Asian communities can work in concert with the broader lesbian and gay movement.

Gay GOP: Bush Yes, Quayle No

The gay organization Republicans for Individual Freedom recently surveyed 100 of its members on a variety of political, gay and AIDS issues, finding, among much else, that 93 percent of the responders believe President Bush is more pro-gay than Ronald Reagan. Seventy-seven percent of the gay Republicans said Bush had done a "fair" job on gay issues, while 22 percent said he had done a "good" job. Forty-two percent gave Bush an overall job rating of "very good," while another 39 percent said he is doing a "good" job. Sixty-eight percent of the gay Republicans said they would vote for Bush in 1992 but only 31 percent would vote for Dan Quayle as vice president. A whopping 84 percent would not vote for Quayle for president in 1996. They also support publicly provided clean needles for IV. drug users by a margin of 83 percent-17 percent. In opposition to Bush, gay Republicans do not want to see stronger laws against flag desecration, opposing the idea 61 percent-39 percent.

Rex Wockner

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U.S. Rep. Studds Attacked in D.C. Gay Neighborhood

by Cliff O'Neil

Two Maryland teen-agers on June 8 were charged with physically assaulting openly gay Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) on a Washington street.

The youths, Thomas Carter, 19, of Gaithersburg, Md., and James Bryne, 19, of Silver Spring, Md., were charged with assault on a member of Congress, a federal offense.

If convicted, the youths could each face a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail and \$10,000 fine.

Studds was walking down 17th Street, N.W., in the early morning of June 8, returning to his nearby apartment from dinner at a friend's home. At about 12:30 a.m., he was blindsided and knocked to the ground, allegedly by Carter and Byrne.

The men then allegedly kicked him about the face and head for a short while.

Studds, whose clothes were bloodied, was reported to have suffered multiple abrasions and contusions to the head and neck and a punctured lower lip. He was treated at the scene.

According to the police records, a third man, who was released due to lack of evidence, did not participate in the attack, but asked the assailants, "Hey man, did you fuck him up real good?"

Four witnesses — two men and two women, according to Studd's offfice — reportedly interrupted the crime, scaring the three men away.

While the two women stayed behind to nurse Studds, the male witnesses — the women's 'boyfriends," according to po lice records - chased the fleeing suspects on foot.

The women quickly flagged down a uniformed Secret down a uniformed Secret Service cruiser and informed the two officers inside who Studds was. While Secret Service Officer Todd Kreisher stayed behind with Studds and the women, Officer Keven Porter followed the suspects.

Porter then saw Carter, Byrne and the third man run-ning through the intersection of 18th and Q streets, two blocks from the scene of the crime, and ordered them to stop. The male witnesses, who were in close pursuit of the trio, identified the men as the assailants.

Byrne and Carter had blood on their clothing, and police took them into custody. After questioning the third man and corroborating his story with the witnesses, they released the unnamed male.

According to police records, once handed over to the custody of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and advis ed of his rights, Carter alleged ly stated that the attack, "seem ed like the thing to do at the time." Bryne allegedly also told police that he "only hit the dude a couple of times

Police records indicate that

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once in the cellblock, when asked by another prisoner what he was being charged with, Carter told him "I beat up a congressman.

Police records, the U.S Attorney's Office and Studd's staff unanimously suggest that there appears to be no clear motive for the crime, although the attack took place in the heart of the city's heavily gay Dupont Circle neighborhood, directly accross from J.R.'s, popular District gay bar,

Neither Studds' office nor police records indicate that anti-gay epithets were heard during the attack.

"We're all kind of still in shock," said Kate Dyer, a Studds' aide. "But he is OK. He will be OK. He has a big fat lip, but he's OK. He's just lucky they didn't have a knife. He's lucky the witnesses were there to hele."



Gerry Studds

Studds boarded a plane to return to Cape Cod, Mass., his home district, for the week-

Hate

 15 percent of this year's figures — were classified as "AIDS related," an indication, Berrill said, that AIDS "con-tinues to be a focus for anti-gay prejudice and violence.

The 1989 report marks the first such survey since this spring's signing of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, a law that orders the Justice Department to collect statistics hate-related crimes, cluding those motivated by sexual orientation.

Also on hand at the cramped release the survey was Sen.
Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), the sponsor of the first senate version of the Hate Crimes bill to include "sexual orientation."

The enactment of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act is not simply an accounting measure by which to assess the level of anti-gay, anti-religious, anti-minority, or anti-Semitic vio-lence," said Cranston. "The act is a recognition that some crimes are attacks on our free dom of religion; attacks on our freedom of association; attacks

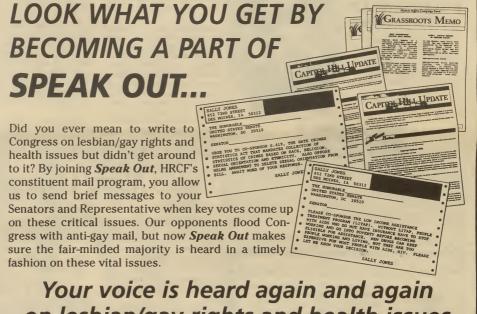
on our freedom of speech; and attacks on all that our constitu-tional government does and should represent."

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act is the first bill ever to include "sexual orientation." a development, some speaking at the press conference sug-gested was a first gesture toward addressing discrimination against gay men and les-bians nationwide.

Noting that, under the new Noting that, under the new law, the collection of these statistics by local law enforcement will be voluntary, the coalition of political activists gathered at the news conference called on state legislators to pass thier own measures addressing the so-called "hate crimes."

At present, nine states and the District of Columbia have laws either collecting statistics on or enhancing penalties for hate crimes, including anti-gay offenses. Another 13 states have hate crimes laws on the books that exclude anti-gay crimes, according to the

Laws addressing anti-gay crimes are under consideration in eight states.



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Gay Caucus Ousted

Presbyterians Duck Gay Ordination

by Keith Clark

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), faced with potentially explosive and bitter battles over the church's stand on abortion and the ordination of gays and lesbians on June 6 sidestepped the two controver-sial issues until 1991.

Although the church Although the church adopted a statement of faith, advanced by feminists, that compares God to both a mother who does not abandon her nursing child and a father who embraces his prodigal child, the 616 delegates voted above the characteristic of the characteristic overwhelmingly to delay action on resolutions pushing the 2.9-million-member denomination away from its support of legal abortions

The resolutions call for the church to withdraw from membership in the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights and to modify its pro-abortion stance to oppose late-term abortions where the fetus is considered medically viable.

Although the church officially preaches inclusiveness without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, political beliefs or sexual orientation, it still opposes the ordination of practicing homosexuals.

The delegates, attending a convention in Salt Lake City, convention in Sait Lake City, also ducked this controversial issue by postponing until 1991 a resolution changing that policy that would permit gays and lesbians to minister within the church.

All the resolutions passed by the convention require ap-proval by a majority of the regional presbyteries around the country

Media Ignore ACT UP's **Public Outing at Capitol**

What if you held a news conference and reporters and camera crews turned out in droves but no newspaper or TV station or wire service ran the story they so eagerly covered?

That's what happened to ACT UP/D.C. member Michael Petrelis, Margaret Cantrell and Carl Goodman when they staged a May 29 press event on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to name names of closeted homosexual members of Congress.

ABC was there. The New York Times, The Washington Post, USA Today, even the arch-conservative National Review. But no news stories appeared.

"I read these names and "I read these names and claim these people for the gay and lesbian community," Petrelis said to the press mob. "I do this in a positive manner. Saying someone is gay or les-bian is not an insult.

"Elected officials in the closet should realize the joy and support that awaits those and support that awaits those who come out of the closet," Petrelis continued. "And not only from gays and lesbians. Even first lady Barbara Bush recently wrote a letter to the organization Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, saying. We cannot tolerate discrimination against any individuals or groups in our country."

Petrelis then read this list of Petrelis then read this list of names: Rep. Robert Carr (D-Mich.), Rep. Roy Dyson (D-Md.), Rep. Tom Foley (D-Wash.), Rep. Steven Gunderson (R-Wisc.), Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.), Sen. Barbara Mikulksi (D-Mass.), Rep. Jim McCrery (R-La.) and Sen. Herbert Kohl (D-Wisc.).

He also tacked on Maryland Gov. William Schaefer and Illinois Gov. James Thompson.

"The reporters started screaming out questions as soon as I finished," Petrelis said. "They were definitely looking for the smoking dick. That was the whole point of what they wanted. So, Carl talked about Gerry Frank, Hatfield's chief executive assistant and lover."

Petrelis called the absence of any news stories "anti-climatic," but said the fruit of "outing" actions often comes months down the road.

Press spokespeople for Hatfield have previously stated that the senator is heterosexu-al. Gunderson's spokespeople have said they do not know what his sexual orientation is, while Illinois Gov. James Thompson has said there is "no basis" for the rumors that he is gay.

spokespeople for the other seven 'outees' elicited these responses: Carr spokesman Mark Folse said: "It's an outrageous, insidious lie without substantiation — a complete untruth — and we hope that no respectable newspaper would consider publishing such garbage. I don't know where it came from but for whisper campaigns by whisper campaigns by Republicans in the last elec-tions, because he's single."

Foley spokesman Jeff Biggs said: "This was an issue that came up in a RNC memo a year ago. The journalistic com-munity researched it to their satisfaction and determined it was nothing but a bad rumor and that's what it still is.'

Mikulski spokeswoman Linda Morrison at first promised to call back with a response, but later repeatedly refused to accept phone calls from this reporter. At the point she knew this reporter was on deadline, Mikulski's office answering machine was mysteriously ac-tivated during normal business hours

A number of high-ranking Washington gay activists were surprised to find Carr and McCrery's names on Petrelis' list, saying they had never heard any gay rumors about them. Several sources, in fact, said Carr has a reputation as a "womanizer."

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Man Accused of Spreading HIV Faces More Charges in Idaho

by Dell Richards

Four more charges of spreading AIDS have been added to the growing list of women who say they were exposed to the virus by a former college basketball star.

A federal civil rights team has said it might look into the

Kerry Stephen Thomas, who is HIV positive, is accus-ed of knowingly spreading the AIDS virus by having un-protected sexual intercourse with five women.

As with most sex-crime cases brought to trial in Idaho, this one is being made even more inflammatory by the fact that two of the women were minors at the time of alleged exposure

Prosecutors said additional

Loss?

charges also were being investigated.

Thomas, 25, is the second man to be accused under the two-year-old law that makes it illegal to knowingly spread the HIV virus.

The law has been seriously questioned by gay activists nationwide who say it makes confidential testing a farce.

The first person charged was George Frank Lewis, a homosexual.

The charges against Lewis were dropped when he was given a life sentence for lewd and lascivious conduct with a

A federal civil rights team from the regional office in Seattle may investigate allega-tions that the newly created

Idaho law is being used to harass minorities.

The visiting team was in Idaho to investigate another discrimination complaint in which local Hispanics charged they did not have equal access to government service

The civil rights office must receive a formal complaint before it can actually in-vestigate discrimination cases. It is not known at this time whether Thomas or Lewis plan to take such action.

Thomas, who denies the ac-usations, also was indicted on May 16 in a secret grand jury investigation.

Through his attorney, Thomas also asked that the press be barred from further hearings and that the current judge be disqualified.

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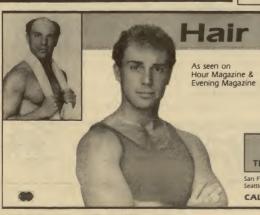


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Parade Grand Marshals Named

The Rev. Phyllis Zillhart, her lover, Rev. Ruth Frost, and the Rev. Jeff Johnson join Bob Cramer as the grand marshals of the 1990 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade. They will ride at the front of the parade, which begins at 11 a.m. on June 24.

The four were selected by a parade subcommittee and the general membership of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee unanimously approved the selection.

The 1990 San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade will begin this year at the corner of Spear and Market streets. The parade will continue down Market Street turning right on Grove Street into Civic Center.

The three ministers made history this year when they were ordained as Lutheran pastors on Jan. 20. Never before has an openly gay man or an open lesbian been ordained as a minister in this denomination.

Their courageous action has resulted in efforts by the denomination to attempt to discipline and expel their congregations. That action may take place at a disciplinary hearing in San Francisco



Grand Marshals Ruth Frost, Phyllis Zillhard and Jeff Johnson.

sometime in the near future.

Zillhart and Frost are assistant pastors at St. Francis Lutheran Church, and Johnson is assistant pastor at First United Lutheran Church, both

The three continue to work in the Lutheran Church as part

of a ministry to the lesbian and gay community at St. Francis Lutheran Church.

Flo Tumolo, co-chair of the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day activities, said, 'these three grand marshals will make a strong statement as the lesbian/gay

community moves into the '90s. It is a statement that tells

the church, possibly the most oppressive organization

in San Francisco.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

against gay people, that they will not be allowed to oppress any longer.

'The courage of these people also sends a message to those in the gay community,' she said. 'That message is one of change. A message that those in our community have the right to make a choice to either accept or not accept the church in their life.'

Bob Cramer has also been selected as a grand marshal of this year's parade. Cramer is the founder of the Cable Car Awards & Show, an annual event that acknowledges the outstanding contributions by and for members of the lesbian and gay community.



Bob Cramer

Domestic

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large number of gay and lesbian people and the straight community who thought it was assured," said Paul Melbostadt, a Board of Permit Appeals commissioner.

Melbostadt is a former Harvey Milk Democratic Club officer.

However, not everyone is supportive of the plan.

"I'm not convinced it's a good idea," said Gwenn Craig, lesbian police commissioner.

Craig said that the Mayor's Family Policy Task Force report already calls for a legislative mechanism to register extended and alternative families.

The Family Policy Task Force recommendations, issued June 13, call for health insurance benefits to unmarried domestic partners of city workers.

The task force, chaired by lesbian activist Roberta Achtenberg, also allows city workers bereavement leave upon the death of a domestic partner.

The recommendations include extended unpaid leave of up to one year for city workers to care for family members, including domestic partners.

Under an agreement announced on June 13 by Mayor Art Agnos nearly 2,100 domestic partners of city workers will be eligible for health insurance.

'48 Hours' To Focus On Bashing

The prime time CBS News series 48 Hours reports on a growing hate crime: men and women bullied and beaten just for being who they are. 48 Hours: Gay Bashing, anchored by Dan Rather, will be broadcast Thursday, June 14 at 8 p.m. on CBS TV.

Highlights include: "Basher" — Richard Schlesinger goes to prison to meet a young man whose night of gay bashing turned to murder; "Mother's Day" — What happens to a mother of four children when she leaves her husband to live with her female lover? As Betsy Aaron reports, it changes the lives of everyone, forever; "Outing" — 48 Hours correspondent Bernard Goldberg

respondent Bernard Goldberg explores a controversy that is dividing the gay community: the new practice of forcing alleged gay celebrities out of the closet; "Mixed Messages" — Some gays and lesbians — with the help of the church — are changing their ways and converting to the straight life. As Ron Allen discovers, some gays who tried this path — and abandoned it — call it "gay bashing with a Bible."

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When Latex Isn't Enough

by Michael C. Botkin

member of San Francisco's finest, speaking on a local TV station, com mented on how he might respond if AIDS conference demonstrators threw what he believed was "HIV-infected" blood at him.

"I'm not going to tell you I'd take a gun out and shoot them, but I'm not going to tell you I wouldn't," he said.

Our cops may be vicious, but at least they're honest. What's at least they're honest. What's interesting about all this is that some cops apparently believe that presenting these irrational prejudices will justify their urge to beat and/or shoot AIDS demonstrators. What's really disgusting and scary is that this tactic works so well.

After all, the Americans with Disabilities Act is being amended to allow employers to move food workers with HIV away from such jobs. No one argues that there is any actual health risk involved, but the irrational fear of such risk could hurt a restaurant's busi-

So discrimination against the disabled will be allowed when motivated by second-hand prejudice. Hey, sorry, it's not that I'm AIDSphobic but my customers are - so I'll have to demote you to busboy.

There are a few cases pending where HIVer victims of cop violence are charged with attempted murder for trying to bite or spit at their assailants. It is (usually) acknowledged that the cops weren't really in danger of getting AIDS, but, it is argued, if the HIVer OR the cop believed in this imaginary danger, the charge of "attempted murder" is appropriate.

This cop rhetoric masks the underlying homophobia and racism of our nation's police. They say they are just follow-ing orders and doing their duty, but they show surprising enthusiasm for confronting non-mainstream demon

When anti-abortionists are vandalizing family planning clinics and harassing the women who use them, you can women who use them, you can barely get the cops out of the doughnut shops to watch. But cops can hardly wait for an excuse to go in and beat up gays and people of color, and they imagine that we have all sorts of horrible ways to hurt them.

Of course, they're the ones Or course, they re the ones with the latex gloves, tear gas, clubs and guns. They're the ones who will start — and finish — any violence. Larry Kramer's call for a "fucking riot" at the conference will be heeded first and foremost by heeded first and foremost by the SFPD.

A Tale of 2 ACT UPs

The coming conference will, amid countless other things amid countiess other things, allow for an interesting comparison of two ACT UP chapters, New York's and San Francisco's.

ACT UP/SF is boycotting and coordinating large pro-

tests outside the conference. ACT UP/NY has not joined the boycott, and instead purchased a block of tickets to attend and, everyone assumes, disrupt the conference from inside.

It was New York's Larry Kramer who originally called for a "fucking riot" at the con-ference. Since then he's waffl-ed on 'the call" and accepted an offer to speak on a con-ference panel. Subsequently ference panel. Subsequently he made a sarcastic non-apology to San Francisco for "the call" (along the lines of "I'm sorry you got upset when I called for a riot") and announced that he wouldn't speak at the conference after all impulsing that his fealing. all, implying that his feelings were hurt by our failure to show more enthusiasm.

This is a style that apparently plays well back East. Anyone trying it in the ACT UP/SF chapter would be denounced for grandstanding within five minutes.

The two organizations have strikingly different styles. NY, the grand-daddy of all ACT UPs, has a reputation for un-UPs, has a reputation for un-bridled militance and a pen-chant for travel. They also have a preference for what some would call charismatic leaders, and what others denounce as demagogues.

They're the ones who spearheaded the spectacular zap of last year's conference in Mon-

Their willingness to raise hell in other people's home

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inservative rabbis vote to 'accept' gays

towns has turned off some, who consider them carpet-baggers who have their fun and leave the locals to clean up

The SF chapter is not as relentlessly militant and favors an ultra-democratic atmosphere that discourages high-profile leaders of the sort that traditionally dominate the NV scene It is far more decen-NY scene. It is far more decentralized, and the really controtralized, and the really controversial eye-catching actions—like the Golden Gate Bridge blockade, the Opera House action, and the Catholic Church graffiti campaign—are always done by independent affinity groups like SANOE or Boy With Arms Akimbo rather than ACT UP/SF proper.

Of course, the mainstream

Of course, the mainstream media is rarely capable of such fine distinctions, and the cops even less so. It was a rumor from New York about tainted-blood tossing that got the above mentioned SF cop's trigger-finger itching.

ACT UP/SF is mellow compared with the New York chap-ter, and what's more, they have some mainstream ties at stake. If they come across as pointlessly militant or violent, they'll alienate The City's large HIVer and AIDS service communities, not to mention various useful allies in the City bureaucracy and local medical establishment.

These considerations mean that ACT UP/SF, which requires consensus of the entire membership to officially adaptate that the same and th ficially declare anything, will not endorse any "extreme" ac-tions. And in fact, all of their

proposed actions are absolute models of political correctness and political saavy — very San Francisco. But the New Yorkers have nothing at risk, and a lot of international publicity to gain. They can be expected to go for the glory and damn the consequences very New York.

These differences could, in theory, make for some awkward moments during the conference protest activity. In practice, however, indiscriminate cop violence, which looks more and more likely at this point, will probably sweep coids such fine distinctions. point, will probably sweet aside such fine distinctions.

As for me, I'm planning to As for me, I m planning to take some latex gloves to the conference, just in case I get caught up in the fray. You never know where those cops' hands have been! So often they're sticky from all those glazed doughnuts - or some-

Offensive Posters

Public Utilities Commission General Manager Thomas Elzey has requested a review of the proposed display of a San Francisco AIDS Foundation poster promoting condom use. It portrays a bare-chested man (gasp!) and reads "the man of my dreams is a rubberman.

Elzey denies "prejudging" the ad, but questions whether t's appropriate for the Muni

I empathize with Elzay. For years I have dreamed of having veto power over the trash they call advertising. For example, there is a very offensive ad at

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AIDS Briefs

ACT UP Hits Office of AIDS

Members of the East Bay chapter of ACT UP held a protest on June 8 outside the local offices of the state's Office of AIDS in Berkeley protesting what activists say is an on-going tangle of red tape in the state's primary agency fighting the disease and a reflection of Gov. George Deukmejian's poor handling of the epidemic. One unidentified ACT UP member was cited on a epidemic. One unidentified ACT UP member was cited on a misdemeanor vandalism charge during the 90-minute demonstration. Police said the protester drew an outline image of a dead body on the sidewalk and scrawled "Red Tape Kills." The Office of AIDS has been the object of increasing criticism by activists, health officials and government authorities during the past year. In May, the state's Little Hoover Commission issued a strongly-worded report criticizing the agency for what it called a "lack of leadership" in fighting the epidemic Officials with the Office of AIDS declined to comment on either the protest or the critical report.

Keith Clark

Pneumocystis Mouse Study Promising

UC San Francisco researchers at the VA Medical Center have re-created one of the major immune defects of AIDS in mice, clearing the way for studies to better understand and combat a common killer in AIDS patients — pneumocystis pneumonia. "We've desperately needed a better experimental model for pneumocystis pneumonia," said team member James Beck, MD, associate investigator at the VAMC and UCSF assistant professor of medicine. Previously developed mouse "models" don't resemble AIDS, he explained. Further, the pneumocystis microbe doesn't infect normal laboratory animals and is difficult to grow in culture dishes. "But now we have a tool to test new drugs and learn exactly why the lung can't defend itself in people with AIDS." Beck said. "We have to find out what's going on at an early point in the infection, so we can develop new ways to intervene." Beck and his colleagues now are comparing normal mice with the T cell deficient mice for clues to how normal animals get rid of the organism. "If we can figure out what other cells or chemicals are missing in the deficient mouse," he said, "we might be able to give these as treatment or give a drug that revs them up." The team's work provides solid evidence that helper T cells are the crucial cell in fending off pneumocystis, Beck emphasized. "When anti-T cell antibodies are discontinued, the T cells quickly rebound and the mice get rid of the bug." ▼ UC San Francisco researchers at the VA Medical Center have the T cells quickly rebound and the mice get rid of the bug."

Study Refocuses Attention On 'Silent Infections'

by Dave Gilden

A recent report that some people who tested negative on a commonly used AIDS test were actually HIV-positive may mean that there are a large number of Americans with "silent infections" — HIV colonies in the body that are so small and hidden that ordinary tests do not detect them.

An Emory University scientist in Atlanta reported earlier this month that large numbers of people testing negative for HIV may in fact be infected.

To check up on the standard "ELISA" test for HIV antibodies, Dr. Aftab Ahmed-Ansari applied a different production. cedure, known as the poke-weed mitogen test, to his set of blood samples from injection drug users

Pokeweed mitogen stimulates dormant white blood cells into a surge of activity and creates a flood of every possible antibody the cells are capable of producing. when Ahmed-Ansari examinate this control of the cells are capable of the cells are c ed this soup for antibodies

specifically against HIV, the virus thought to trigger AIDS.

He found that 30 out of 165, or 18 percent, of his specimens did indeed contain antibodies

These results indicate that the 30 individuals had been exposed to HIV at some point and their bodies had learned how to produce antibodies against the virus.

But Ahmed-Ansari's study really raises no new issues despite the attention it has received. Speculation about silent infections has been rife since 1987, when doctors in Finland reported delayed de-velopment of HIV antibodies of up to three years in some of their patients.

A year ago Dr. David Imagawa at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center employed sensitive new techniques to find actual HIV, not just antibodies, in the blood of 31 of 133 men who centinued to be involved. who continued to be involved in high-risk sexual activity,

The Imagawa survey was later criticized by C. Robert Horsburgh, of the AIDS Program at the Centers for Disease Control, who stated, "Several groups of investigators have concluded that episodes [of HIV infection lasting six months or longer without six months or longer without detection of antibody] are rare.

However, Imagawa and colleagues studied only subjects in whom seroconversion had not occurred despite extensive high-risk activity, which might have caused them to over-estimate the frequency of the virus-positive, antibody-negative state."

This criticism applies to Ahmed-Ansari as well, and he could be further criticized for only trying to ferret out latent human antibody production without looking for the presence of HIV itself.

In addition the pokeweed mitogen test Ahmed-Ansari used most commonly serves as a measure of overall immune system vitality. Rarely if ever is it employed to track down

specific antibodies, and its accuracy in this instance is questionable.

Ahmed-Ansari thinks his figures could mean that there are large numbers of people walking around carrying human immunodeficiency virus but who test negative and don't get sick. (If they did develop AIDS, then the weakness of the ELISA test would have been obvious long

But there is another way to interpret his limited data: that the people he's talking about did have an active HIV infection, but it was completely or tion, but it was completely or virtually wiped out by their immune system's antibody response. The response then went dormant because it was no longer needed.

According to William Hasseltine, a leading AIDS researcher at Harvard University, the implications of silent infections are not necessarily

"The good news is that the replication of HIV-1 may be naturally suppressed in far more people than has been supposed. The observation that in some people the infection is controlled suggests that it may be possible to suppress the expression of virus with the expression of virus with

drugs and to induce prolonged remission in seropositive peo-

The down side is that there may be many people who think that they are HIV-free while spreading AIDS to others and perhaps eventually coming down with the disease themselves.

Half of the long-term sexual partners of HIVers have no detectable infection, for example, and their status is no longer clear. There could be trouble ahead for "negatives seeking negatives" and for these getting blood transfe. those getting blood transfusions.

As of now, the contagiousness of people with ambivalent test results indicating some minor current or past HIV infection remains an open, and very sensational, question. If Ahmed-Ansari had checked his blood samples for the presence of virus in addi-tion to antibodies, an answer would have begun to emerge.

Still, there are only six transfusion recipients with AIDS who received blood screened for HIV antibody. That and the current low HIV transmission rate among gay men is evidence that HIV is not about to spring yet another bad surprise on us

Blood

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ple of San Francisco to join us in doing what should be done to end the epidemic."

Eibhlyn called for a nationally coordinated program to fight AIDS and expressed anger over the fact that, after 10 years and 80,000 deaths in the United States alone, there was still little national will to end the epidemic.

News of the memorandum broke on a KOFYTV, Channel 20, news report on June 8. There was no substantiation of the charges, but police said they should not be required to "stand as robots."

One officer, Gary Delagnes, refused during an interview to rule out shooting demonstrators.

The SFPD has come under intense fire from many quarters over the memorandum. A livid Jean Harris, aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, spoke at a hastily organized news conference held at Harvey Milk Plaza on Tuesday.

"This is a way for certain po-lice officers to take the focus off the epidemic and put it onto the demonstrators," Harris said.

"If the purpose is to keep scores of us away from the demos, they're mistaken. I'll be there on the front line. We're not going back into the closet just because some cop says he might shoot us," Harris added.

Jill Tregor, acting executive director of CUAV, called on Police Chief Frank Jordan to immediately denounce and investigate Delagnes' inflammatory comments about activists and the upcoming International Conference on AIDS.

Police have also said they will institute a "decontamina-tion center" and will request tion center and will request permission to wear goggles and hold plastic shields, a move ACT UP says reflects ig-norance over how HIV is transmitted.



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Soviet Gays Hold First Conference

by Dodo Parikas and Rex Wockner

one-hundred-fifty gay/lesbian academicians and activists from Eastern and Western Europe and the United States participated in the novelty of the Soviet Union's first gay conference May 27-30 in the city of Tallinn in the Ratic Republic of the Baltic Republic of in the Estonia

The gathering was well-received by local authorities and received extensive and mostly positive attention in the Estonian broadcast and print media.

Estonian organizers suspect that agents of the KGB infiltrated the gathering, but there were no incidents to confirm their concerns.

The conference was hosted by Estonian historians Teet Veispak and Lilian Kotter with substantial support from Re-porter, a gay/lesbian newspaper in nearby Stockholm, Sweden.

Kotter presented a lecture on the situation of Estonian lesbians who, she said, are stuck between vanishing Soviet demands for children and "hero mothers," and new Estonian expectations that women will be the center of the home while the men fight the battle for independence from the Soviet Union.

Soviet participants in the conference were mostly uninformed about the history of the gay/lesbian movement in the West.

"Sometimes I felt as if some of the delegates from the East should have been exhibited in a glass cage for others to see, joked Kotter.

Conference lectures were held in the Historic Institute, a medieval building in central Tallinn, the Estonian capital.

According to many par-

ticipants, a talk by Leningrad researcher Sergei Stsjerbakov was the highlight of the formal presentations

Stsjerbakov detailed police interest in gays in Leningrad throughout the '70s and '80s, providing details about "The Big House," the center of the authorities' anti-gay opera-

Police routinely infiltrated gay and lesbian cliques and then hired people to inform on their friends, Stsjerbakov said. Informers were rewarded with commutation of their own prison sentences for indecent behavior, while those they tattled on were sometime sent to mental hospitals to be

Participants were also keen on a lecture by Estonian researcher Ivika Nogel, who said 30 percent of Estonian students are pro-gay and the

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World Briefs

S. African, Asian Lesbian Organize

The International Lesbian Information Service, headquartered in Amsterdam, has formed a new ILIS committee to encourage lesbians in South Africa. This was the result of a January meeting with representatives of Malibongwe, a conference of South African women activists against apartheid. Since the ILIS declared in 1988 its intention to form an African Lesbian Netdeclared in 1988 its intention to form an African Lesbian Network and an Asian Lesbian Network, to complement the Latin American Lesbian Network which they successfully instigated in 1986, it is expected that the new ILIS South African Committee will grow into an all inclusive African Lesbian Network in the near future. People interested in furthering this should contact the ILIS, c/o COC, Rozenstraat 8, 1016 NX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Asian Lesbian Network, formed in 1989, has moved the date for the first Asian Lesbian Conference from summer 1990 to the second week in December 1990. It will take place in Bangkok, Thailand. Supported by the ILIS, the Asian Lesbian Network welcomes contacts from Asian Lesbian Network welcomes contacts from Asian Lesbians worldwide. Write to them at: Ladies Lodge; PO. Box 322; Rajdamnern, Bangkok 10200; Thailand. Don't mention the group's name on the envelope.

500 HIV Gather In Madrid

The group that single-handedly launched the boycott of the upcoming Sixth International Conference on AIDS gathered in Madrid in late May for its annual international conference. About 500 persons living with HIV attended the Fourth International Conference for Persons With AIDS, hosted by the Spanish Citizens' Anti-AIDS Committee. The boycott of the San Francisco gathering was originally announced last November in Madrid at a planning meeting for the PWA conference. Eventually, hundreds of AIDS organizations and governmental entities worldwide joined the move in protest of U.S. authorities have repeatedly fine-tuned their HIV immigration policy, but HIV-positives still face unequal treatment when entering the country and most boycotters are sticking to their decision. In a conference resolution, the Madrid group "denounce[d] all restrictions on freedom of travel of all persons with HIV. We call on international bodies to stop funding conferences in areas where we are excluded from participation and to promote changes in restrictive discriminatory legislation." "We affirm," they added, "our commitment to boycott any future conferences held in countries with travel restrictions for people with HIV."

—Rex Wockner -Rex Wockner

Czech Gay Congress Meets

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Nearly 200 gay and lesbian activists gathered in Prague in early May for Czechoslovakia's first national gay congress. Shortly thereafter, the Czech parliament met two of the group's three preliminary demands, lowering the age-of-consent for gay sex and decriminalizing male prostitution. The third demand concerns clarification of laws on criminal transmission of HIV. The congress was hosted by Lambda Union, the nation's first national gay group, which was officially registered with the government in February. In May, a Lambda affiliate formed in the regional capital of Ostrava. Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia's first AIDS demonstration took place on May 20, as 300 people staged a candlelight vigil in Letna Park, a key gay male cruising location. Officially, 10 people have died of AIDS complications in Czechoslovakia, but Lambda activists feel the figure is grossly inaccurate. Gay organizations independent of Lambda have sprung up in recent months in Brno, Bratislava and elsewhere sprung up in recent months in Brno, Bratislava and elsewhere -Rex Wockner

Support For Gay Marriage in Europe

Slowly but surely, the idea of marriage and domestic partnership is gaining ground in Europe. This week both a Dutch and a Belgian politician have publicly supported the idea of homosexual partnership and even adoption-rights. In the Netherlands Christian Democrat Arie Oostlander has proclaimed that he is strongly in favor of gay marriage or domestic partnership, whichever one prefers. "People need to have a choice," he said, "Whether or not they want their relationship registered is not interesting, we need to have the possibility of legal protection." In Belgium, Claudia Roth of the Green Party has introduced legislation into the European Parliament to end legal differences between married and unmarried couples, gay or straight. The between married and unmarried couples, gay or straight. The Green Party has requested that pension-rights, social security and insurance be connected to individual people, independent from whether they are married, living together, or alone.

Belgian Gays Organize

Several gay and AIDS-related organizations in Belgium have come together to do something constructive about the situation that Belgian lesbians are living in. People from the AIDS Team, the FWH and the State University of Ghent have come together and formed a new group under the name of 'HOMAGE'. Goal of the new organization is to build "an active gay liberation movement with roots in a real gay community." HOMAGE's intention can be called revolutionary to say the least. Already the group is claiming a seat within the IPAC, the national AIDS-coordinate, and has suggested that after the imminent departure of its chairman Dr. Dirk Avonts, a non-medical chairman should of its chairman Dr. Dirk Avonts, a non-medical chairman should be installed, in order to 'demedicalize' AIDS policy in Belgium. One of the leaders of this grassroots group is the well-known Maurice Cramers, who, as the director of the AIDS team, has been active in the field for years. He gained support from Dr. John Vincle, from the State University of Ghent and of Bob Carlier, a veteran gay activist from FWH, a national organization.

Health Calendar

FRIDAY

Shanti Practical Support Volunteer Training: Urgent! Find out about opportunities in practical & emotional support and office/special projects programs. Practical training June 15-17. Call Mike or Ali, 777-2273.

AIDS and ARC Switchboard: For information and support, the switchboard is operated by people with AIDS. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 861-7309.

HIV+ Potluck: 7:30 p.m. at MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group: For those 23 and under. This is a non-therapy group conceived and conducted by gay & bisexual young men. 7-9 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Living Well With AIDS/ARC: Support group based on Attitudinal Healing Principles. 1-3 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

SATURDAY

Help Battered Women Help Themselves: Learn crisis intervention and counseling skills and volunteer with WOMAN, Inc., which offers a 24-hour crisis line, counseling, lesbian services, legal clinics, walk-in center, information and referrals. Bilingual women and those with daytime availability needed. Call Jeanie, 864-4777.

Women's AIDS Hotline: Call Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Saturday support group, 12-1 p.m. Diablo Valley AIDS Center. Call 686-DVAC.

Women's Clinic: Call at 8:30 a.m. for same day appointment. Pap smears, STDs, bladder & pregnancy testing, and other services. Health care by and for women. Berkeley Free Clinic, 548-2570.

SUNDAY

Afternoon Tea: Come play board games and socialize. 2-7 p.m.
For PWA/PWARC/PWHIVs. Free. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF.
621-REST.

Men's Clinic: STDs, scabies, NGUs, lice, vernereal warts, etc., testing and treatment. AIDS/ARC counseling and referrals. Free and confidential. 6-8 p.m. Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 644-0425.

MONDAY

Bay Area Youth Positives (BAY+): Support group for adolescents and young adults dealing with HIV, AIDS & ARC. 6:30 p.m. ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave., SF. Call Julie, 681-2500, or Scott, 821-8764.

AIDS Family Project: Ongoing group for teens (ages 14-18) who have HIV+ family members. Stacey Shuster, PhD, 626-7000.

TUESDAY

Free Drop-In Group for Gay Men with Drug/Alcohol Problems: 7-8:30 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. 626-7000.

Lesbian Psychotherapy Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. Call 626-7000 for appointment.

Asian Gay Men's Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m. The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 548-8283.

WEDNESDAY

Psychological Issues for Women Living with HIV: With Marsha Blachman, LCSW, and guest speaker. 6:30-8 p.m. Kaiser Permanente, 280 West MacArthur Blvd., Rm. 1200 C, 12th floor, Hospital Tower, Oakland. 596-6204.

floor, Hospital Tower, Oakland. 596-6204.

Living With HIV Public Forum: "Re-examining Safe Sex: Fun in the '90s?" 7-9 p.m. MCC Main Hall, 150 Eureka, SF.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth): Combatting alcohol & substance abuse in the gay/lesbian community in San Mateo. Archway-San Mateo, 415 N. San Mateo Dr., Suite 1. Call 347-0473.

Open Support Group for Women with HIV: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Supervised childcare provided. The Women's Bldg, 1843 18th St., SF. Carlin, 921-3680.

AA Mean Streets Group: 8 p.m. Gay Rescue Mission, 1080 Folsom near 7th St., SF.

AIDS/HIV Drop-In Group for Asians/Pacific Islanders: For information, support and referral. Conducted in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Asian AIDS Project, 300 4th St., Suite 401, SF.

Care Partners Support Group: For those caring for people with AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. 7:30-9 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 861-4434.

THURSDAY

Coming Out Drop-In Support Group: Facilitated by Lutheran Lesbian/Gay Ministry counselors. 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12 & 7 p.m., at 152 Church, SF. 553-4026.

Gay & Lesbian Grief Support Group: Focusing on losses incurred within the last 3-12 months. Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., at Vesper Center, 311 MacArthur Blvd., San Leandro. Call Nancee, 632-4390.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic: Thursdays at 6:15, 7 & 7:45 p.m. Free 45-min. private session with an attorney on benefits, COBRA and insurance problems. AIDS Legal Referral Panel, 25 Hickory/Van Ness, SF. 864-8186.

ARC Drop-In Group for PWAs: Support, information and stress reduction. 6-8 p.m. Health Center 1, 3850 17th St./Noe, Rm. 201, SF. 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-In Group for Men and Women Testing Positive: 6-8 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. 626-7000.



Ray Shanks

Dec. 26, 1930-June 10, 1990

Ray touched our lives, spreading joy and love. A man of great talent and compassion for his fellow man, he left behind seven talented and much-loved children, whom he was most proud of

He loved music and contributed to the community through his work with the Gay Men's Chorus. Ray sang with the Tabernacle Choir throughout Europe. He left his mark throughout S.F. as a remodeler of homes.

But most of all he will be remembered and missed by his lover Michael of 71/2 YEARS.

He gave me so much; he was my lover, father, but most of all, he was my friend. He is now with his mother, father and the dear friend who preceded him. And I'm looking forward to be reunited with him soon.

We love you, Raymond, and I miss you so much.

Robert F. Goates April 13, 1959-May 24, 1990



very quickly, as he had only moved to Cathemoved to Cathe-dral City, Calif., just over a year ago after learn-ing of his HIV

Robert lived in San Francisco most of the 1980s. He was a waiter at many upscale restaurants up and down the Peninsula as well as in San Francisco. He is loved and will be remembered by

Memorial contributions may be nade in his name to the Desert AIDS roject of Palm Springs, Palm Springs

Will Bolger

Will Bolger, 50, passed away in San Francisco on June 3. Burial will be in Sulphur Springs, TX.

A native San Franciscan, he attended



Will was a lov-er of animals and he was very vocal about their wel-fare and appear-

ed in TV commercials and on 20/20, as well as various talk shows

He participated in community motor-cycle club functions for a number of years and was a member of the Cycle Runners MC. Most recently he was an active member of the Constantines MC of the Bay Area.

An announcement of a remembrance gathering in early July will be made.

Wat Abbott

Wat Abbott, known as Wabbit to his friends, died on the morning of June 5 from complications due to AIDS. A chef and distinguished member of the South of Market fraternal motorcycle com-munity, he was

A resident of San Francisco since 1980, Wat was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Navy and Coast Guard. During his service, Wat perfected his skills as a chef.

Wat's last position as a chef and baker for the Sisters of the Presentation Convent was the most joyous experience of his career. He loved the sisters very dearly and felt a responsibility for their wellbeing.

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Wat preferred to work in direct food service. It provided him with time to enjoy life in San Francisco and especially his numerous friends South of Market. He was a member of the Warlocks Motorcycle Club and held many offices in the organization including vice president and he served as a representative to the Inter Club Fund.

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During the past ten years, Wat was often responsible for the meals and buffets served by the Warlocks at their
various functions. In addition, he
donated his services as chef to many
fundraising benefits and organizations,
including the Godfather Service Fund.

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Wat is survived by his brothers, Allan
Abbott of Taneytown, Md.; Bill Abbott
of Crescent Town, Md; and his son,
Scott Morris of Fort Myers, Fla. Other
survivors include his San Francisco
family: T. Michael (Lurch) Sutton, the
Reverand Michael England and Chuck
Oberleitner. His friends will deeply
miss his salty humor, his candor and his
notorious fondness for beautiful Asian
and Latin men.
These will be a memorial service.

There will be a memorial service followed by a celebration of his life at his home, June 23 at 6 p.m. Please contact Chuck Oberleitner at 861-173 if you wish to attend. At Wat's request, in lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to your favorite charity.

Paul J. Lux, Jr. Sept. 21, 1944-June 9, 1990

after a short ill-ness. From Min-



ness. From Min-nesota, to Hon-duras, to Spain, to Japan, to Hawaii and, six years ago, to San Francisco, he car-ried his warmth and compassion. brightened many lives. He loved being in educa-

tion and in his garden

He is survived by his family in Min-He is survived by his family in Minnesota and his longtime companion, Julian Lastowski. His life was spent with the things he loved most children and plants. At the time of his death, he was co-principal of St. Michael's School in San Francisco. He had previously been an owner of Columbine Design in North Beach and had worked for Floratek and John Tallerino Design.

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His remains will be buried in Canby,
Minn., and there will be a memorial
mass at St. Michael's in the near future.
Remembrances may be made either to
St. Michael's School for a scholarship
or to the AIDS Emergency Fund.
Friends may contact Julian Lastowski.
863-8874 or 821-6223, regarding the
church services.

Darrell G. Bullock

Darrell left us May 30.



For many years Darrell worked at Crocker Bank in San Francisco and then at Ar-gonaut Realty. His favorite pastime was restor-ing buildings for himself and his friends.

vived by his mo ther, a brother and sister, three daughters and three

He is missed by scores of friends in San Francisco and by those who work-

ed with him for many years.

Contributions may be made in Darrell's name to Project Open Hand or the Shanti Project.

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Doug Reutter Oct. 28, 1953-June 10, 1990



Doug moved to San Francisco in the early 1980s from Sacramen-to. He pursued a career in real es-

tate, which lead ent position with First to a management Nationwide Bank.

He was an avid swimmer. He was a member of the San Francisco Freedom Day Marching Band, and his enjoyment of music also peaked in one memorable performance of the Dance-It-Yourself Nutcracker.

Doug has moved on, but his many at-Doug has moved on, but his many at-tributes will live on forever. Always spontaneous, one could find him at the opera, the symphony, art galleries, gardening and, most often, at Joseph Schmidt's chocolatiere.

Doug was loyal, witty, conscientious, opinionated and a private person who treasured his many friendships. He will be terribly missed, but missed with a smile and fondness of heart. A memorial service will be held June 16 at Unity Christ Church, 2690 Ocean Ave., S.F., at 1 p.m. Contributions can be made to the AIDS Food Bank on Doug's behalf. Doug's behalf.

Dennis Scott Hicks



the home he loved for 17 years.

avid runner, par-ticipating in many races in the Bay Area and marathons in Honolulu and Berlin, as well as the Gay Games in 1986. His love of music, reading, movies, theatre and sports made him forever interesting and occupied.

Professionally, Dennis did everything from construction to working on ar Alaskan fishing freighter, to being a psych tech at Mt. Zion Hospital, to working the switchboard at the S.F AIDS Foundation.

Dennis is survived by his moth Dennis is survived by his mother, Bet-ty, his father, Allen; and siblings Valerie and William, as well as three nieces and seven nephews. He leaves many, many friends around the world and especial-ly here in San Francisco. He will be par-ticularly remembered by those with whom he shared his commitment to recovery.

Dennis, you will be missed, dear friend.

Michael Louis Spain III Jan. 9, 1959-June 2, 1990

On June 2 Michael Louis Spain III suddenly and unexpectedly expired. He suffered a heart atack complicated by an AIDS-related pneumonia while en route to the U.S. He did not revive, despite all the desperate and hemic efforts of



heroic the flight crev and passengers to save him. He

Strong, friendly and independent, a fan of football, a lover of Broadway musicals and dance, Michael had a gifd for getting along with people and mak ing new friends. He was a graduate of and student body president at Aviation High School ("77") in Queens, NY, and of the University of California at Berkeley

Most recently Michael had worked as a mechanic for United Airlines in Oakland. Words alone cannot sum up all that Michael did and all that he meant to family and friends.

Besides his lover, he is survived by his parents, John and Elsie Spain of New York; a brother Ken also of New York; a sister Brenda of Los Angeles; as well as numerous friends from four con-

tinents and all walks of life.

Because great distance separated him from his family, there are many friends of Michael's whom they did not have the pleasure of knowing. The family's burden would be greatly lightened by the sharing of friends loving memories of Michael's life and sense of loss at his death. Letters should be sent to his parents at 711 Amsterdam Ave., New York, NY 10025. Michael is to be cremated and his remains to stay in cremated and his remains to stay New York.

New York.

In California, friends of Michael and John will gather June 30 for an informal wake to celebrate his life. Those wishing to attend should RSVP John at 839-9952 for details. Material is also being collected for a memorial quilt. Further, anyone so inclined to make financial donations in Michael's name should send them to: ACTUP/East Bay at P.O. Box 8074, Emeryville, CA 94662. ▼

Bill Solis "Adolfo Gonzales" 1955-1990



Bill came to in 1977, settling first in Minnea-

polis. Moving to San Francisco in 1979, he soon met Joe Bardos, with whom he shared his life for nine years until Joe left us in 1989 after a four-year bout with

Bill had been employed as an accountant with Booz Allen and Hamilton since 1981.

He will be remembered by his many He will be remembered by his many friends for his beautiful smile, those gorgeous green eyes and that disarming, outrageous personality. He was well-known to all at the Franklin-Davies Respiratory Care Unit, the Coming Home Hospice Bingo nights and Project Open Hand.

Bill was an avid world traveler and spoke several languages. He will also be remembered fondly for his love of silk, Gucci, Neiman-Marcus, diamonds, emeralds, the best restaurants and knitting. If he did it, he did it with flair.

ting. In e did it, ne e did it with tall.

He is survived by his father, two brothers and two sisters, roommate Raul, friends Barry and Gino, Dr. Wally, Michael, Mark, Tracy and Alan, David, Mel, Joe, Isidro and many others whose lives he touched, both here and abroad.

Friends are welcome to join in a dou-ble memorial tree planting service for Joe and Bill to be held in Golden Gate Park. For details, please call 668-7646.

Jeffrey Alan Scott

Jeffrey Alan Scott died from a heart attack on April 28 at his home in



worked as telemarketing manager for Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in D.C. Prior to this, Jeff lived in Mountain View, Calif., from 1987-1989 when he took time off to paint. He left behind a body of work, consisting largely of pastel, ethereal landscapes.

Jeff loved working in the theatre. Most recently, he'd been in a production of As Is, which did several benefit performances in the Bay Area in 1989. Jeff also loved to debate philosophy with good friends over a leisurely paced dinner.

ner.

Jeff is survived by his partner of seven years, Dan Stringfield; his loving and supportive parents, John and Beth Scott, a brother, Steve; a sister, Laura Michalski; and numerous extended family members. A memorial service was held in the backyard of Jeff and Dan's home in Kensington. Surrounded by Jeff's paintings, friends and family celebrated Jeff's life by sharing memories they'll carry of Jeff. Contributions in Jeff's memory can be made to the Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S St., NW, Washington, DC. 20009.

Goodbye for now, Bunnykins. I'll

Goodbye for now, Bunnykins. I'll lways love you, See you soon.



Robert L. Binkley

June 19, 1941-May 12, 1990



Bay Area.
He is survived

by his mother, a brother and sister and their families in Pierre, S.D., as well as a brother and family in Atlanta. And he will also be greatly missed by close friends Jo Carney, Robert Cook and Charles Dargis.

Bob's life on the Dakota prairies made him self-reliant, if somewhat of a loner. It was his single-mindedness that helped him wage a four-year battle with his illness.

In his early years, he led a band, The Swingmasters, which played proms and adult dances throughout the Dakotas. He also had a radio show as well as a children's TV show in Pierre. Later in Minneapolis, he had a well-known news and interview show. He had moved to Los Angeles to explore oncortunities in Los Angeles to explore opportunities in the field when the disease struck.

Life is not the same without you.

David F. Carleton Jan. 26, 1950-June 3, 1990

David Frost Carleton, 40, of San Francisco died in his home at 7:48 a.m., June 3, following an extended illness. Mr. Carleton was born in Paul's Valley, Okla, and graduated from Paul's Valley High School in 1968.

Following high school, David attended Syracuse University, where he received his bachelor's in art history in 1972. In 1975 he received an M.Ed from Tufts University in Boston. He also received a Master of Arts in counseling psychology from San Francisco State University in 1984.

University in 1984.

Before moving to San Francisco in January 1978, David worked for Oklahoma State Dept. of Education during 1976 and '77. He began his conseling career in San Francisco at the Tenderloin Clinic. For the past twelve years, he worked as a psychotherapist and intake coordinator at Northeast Lodge, a division of the Pacific Presbyterian Medical Center of San Francisco.

Memorial for Dan Turner

Grace Cathedral will be the location of the public memorial in honor of Dan Turner, the longest recorded survivor of AIDS in the nation who died at Coming Home Hospice in San Francisco, on

A founding member of the AIDS Foundation, People with AIDS and the AIDS Switchboard, Turner spent much of the last 8½ years speaking to doctors, students, scientific and people with scientists and people with AIDS on how to live productively with the disease.

He was an international He was an international figure, a legend, and a "shining symbol" of hope for PWAs. In addition, and more importantly to him, he was a writer and playwright, a musician, actor and composer of several musical comedies.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in Grace Cathedral. Doors will open at 6 p.m. Music and excerpts from Turner's plays and writings will be featured and presented by various political entertain. by various political, entertainment and spiritual leaders. All are welcome.

Donations will be accepted for the Dan Turner Memorial Fund which will benefit People with AIDS and help defray the cost of the memoria

David was preceded in death by his other, Emma Lou Carleton, in 1988, mother, Emma Lou Carleton, in 1988, and his grandparents. Survivors include his father, R.E. Carleton of Purcell, Oklai, two sisters, Janet Carleton of Oakland, Calif., and Susan Carleton of Mt. Kisco, NY.; one niece, Elizabeth Cameron, also of Mt. Kisco; He also leaves behind his longtime companion, Terry Bernard; his special friend, Dennis Wheeler; and many other close friends. friends.

A memorial service was held on June 6 in San Francisco at the Neptune Society Columbarium.

Richard "Dick" Calvert Cavenee

Sept. 24, 1942-June 3, 1990



Dick was born in Milford, Conn, and educated in Dearborn, Mich. He came west in '69 and was "into" bowling, macrame, tanning, dancing, meditation and pool.

His first low was be

His first love was bowling, and after 20 years in several San Francisco leagues, he became affectionately known as "Dickens" and "Duckie."

Dick graced the work places of Lonestar Industries, Crocker Trust, ADP and, lastly, Gallagher Bassett Ser-vices over the past two decades. An amazing taste for butter and mustard was only surpassed by a zeal to create any pun at any cost at any time.

He especially enjoyed jaunts to Palm Springs, Oahu and the Russian River

Dick's wish to have his ashes scat-tered over the Bay at sunrise will be honored this weekend.

He is survived by his mother, Dorice, his daughter, Lisa; his half-sisters, Sandy and Sue; five nieces and nephews; roommates, Indy and Frank; and a loving extended family in the Bay Area.

Dick, the memories are bountiful and the vacancy expansive. I pray you are less annoyed with where you are than how you came to be there.

Lawrence "Lorenzo" Glover Feb. 16, 1946-June 9, 1990



English.

Larry's first love was the theatre. He began his acting with the likes of Dame Judith Anderson and Bert Lahr with the Ypsilanti Players. Later, after moving to San Francisco, he became a touring member of the New Shakespe

pany, performed with Theatre Rhinoceros, Theatre Artaud, Theatre Workers, Berkeley Shakespeare Festival and many other local theatre companies

He was the recipient of a Cable Car He was the recipient of a Cable Car Award for Achievement in Theatre for his performance in *The Maids*. He was president of the Northern California Chapter of the Screen Extras Guild, and appeared in many commercials, movies, TV programs and ads.

Always an ardent supporter of political and social issues, he rallied for increased AIDS funding, against the war in Vietnam, for individual rights at

Many may remember Larry as a bartender at the Brig, where he served and counseled many at night, or at Most Holy Redeemer bingo, where he helped raise money for AIDS, or as a reader at church services there.

According to Larry's wishes, he will be buried next to his mother in Michigan. He is survived by his sister, Dolores, of Ann Arbor, and his father, Gilbert, of Bremen, Ga., and many

A memorial service at Most Holy Redeemer in the Castro is scheduled for June 16, 2:30 p.m. Many heartfelt thanks to Most Holy Redeemer, Shanti, AIDS Emergency Fund, VNH and Kaiser, among the many who supported Larry.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to any of the above.

Randy Louis Harvey Sept. 18, 1953-May 29, 1990



and clients at Shanti by example and inspiration. The consciousness-raising he did on Capitol Hill in October 1987 was featured on the front page of the Chronitation.

His human experiences took him from Mt. Pleasant, Texas, to Dallas, Denver and San Francisco, as well as travels abroad. Some of his experiences wounded him, some healed. They took him to the fellowship of A.A., where his spiritual nature found a true home.

spiritual nature found a true home. But who was Randy anyway' He was certainly more than his resume and these inadequate words. He was the enormous talent creatively decorating our lives with flowers, fabrics and foods. He was the rich warm voice singing songs of faith, country songs and show tunes, while working, cooking and driv-

ing.

Randy, the spiritual being, keeps shining and smiling in the hearts of those he touched, the ones who shared the human experiences of his life and love. Friends and family are invited to share their memories and loss June 22, 8 p.m., in the Swedenborgian Church, 2107 Lyon St. at Washington.

Randy's "family" is deeply grateful to all the individuals and organizations, too numerous to mention, whose sup-port and services sustained him throughout his illness. We encouraged your continuing support of their work.

AIDS Groups

men, and other men who have sex with men, to meet and en-joy safe sex; to support safe-sex joy safe sex; to support safe-sex establishments in promoting sexual health and solutions to the AIDS epidemic by providing positive safe-sex experiences; and to foster cooperation among AIDS educators and safe-sex club operators in order to extend safe-sex education programs."

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The coalition includes, in adthe coalition includes, in addition to the groups mentioned above, the Asian AIDS Project, 18th Street Services, American Association of Physicians for Human Rights; sex clubs such as Blow Buddies, Leathernecks, SF Jacks, the Trough; and the Steamworks, a Berkeley gay bath house.

"We feel that this collaborawe teet that this conditions tion is extremely important and historic," Frutchey said. "We are now entering the se-cond decade of this epidemic, and gay and bisexual men have made remarkable changes in their sexual practices

"It is important that we continually congratulate the community, but that we remain alert to the possibility of slipping. We want our community to feel good about being sex-ual, and we encourage them to ecommit to safe sex and health.

The coalition is planning to present education events and material at sex clubs, and is developing suggested standards of sex club operation that promote safe sex.

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FBI

ing to his attorney, Richard Gayer, the agent is a counteres-pionage and organized crime specialist and wants to return to the field.

According to Gayer, the agent's sexual identity became known in December 1988 when FBI officials got an anonymous tip that he was gay.

"He didn't come out. He was brought out. After they got the tip, they asked him point blank," Gayer said. "He suspects it was from someone who knew him on a more than casual basis who was out to get him."

After openly acknowledging that he was gay, the agent was subjected to detailed interroga tion about his sex life, including lie detector tests

"He was questioned inten sively and extensively. He was browbeaten," Gayer said.

The agency revoked his security clearance in September 1989, and Doe was placed on administrative leave.

"He was sent home. If you "He was sent home. If you work for the FBI, you have to have top secret clearance or you can't come into the office. In May the agent's clearance was revoked. A week later, we filed suit," Gayer said.

An FBI agent since July 1969, Doe, the recipient of numerous commendation and awards for his work, loses all pension and retirement benefits if he is fired.

"Unless he stays with the agency until he is 50, he won't get any pension. If he retired at 50 and was living at age 70, those benefits would total about \$1 million paid out over the 20 years," Gayer said.

"His performance was way, way above average. He demon-strated his trustworthiness for 20 years. They're saying that they don't trust him because he is gay.

According to FBI spokes-man Greg Jones, FBI agents are required to have four years of college education in a variety of disciplines and three vears of work experience Agents must be between 23 and 35. Starting salary for a special agent is \$31,000.

Jones said that "the agency must not be perceived as an agency that discriminates against its own in hiring practices or on the basis of sexual preference. All forms of dis-crimination are repulsive and will not be tolerated," Jones

However, according to Jones, sexual conduct — gay or straight — "is considered a significant factor in FBI deci-sions made in both hiring and retention of employment.

Such issues are decided on a ase by case basis, according to

Gayer called the FBI response a "smokescreen" and said that the FBI policy against hiring gays was 'absurd.' He said that Doe was not able to be blackmailed - or otherwise exploited because of his sexual orientation because he is now openly gay.

"No government agency wants to give a security clear-ance to gay people. The De-fense Department does only because gay people persist. They really don't want to. The same is true for all other government agencies. They give clearances with reluctance. The FBI and the CIA are the only two agencies who absolutely refuse," Gayer said.

Soviet

rest are non-committal on the topic. Few students are out-

ed manner with one exception. Conference participants sent a letter of protest to the Estonian TV program Aktuaalne Kaamera after the anchorman

Veispak and Kotter were so happy with the conference's success that they are plotting to make the gathering a year

people, many of whom were taking part in a gay social event for the first time in their lives.

to the conference to help make history and to participate in the process of democratiza-



Judge-elect Donna Hitchens

Hitchens Reflects On Her Victory

by Will Snyder

It was just a few strokes after Midnight on Election Night when cynical reporters and sleepy-eyed political animals caught an almost Capra-esque glimpse of politics

Some folks had noted that Some tolks had noted that Donna Hitchens had apparently edged out incumbent Superior Court Judge Jerome T. Benson because 100 percent of the precincts had reported and Hitchens was ahead. But the precincts did not include the absente healter. Then the absentee ballots. They would need to be counted, too.

It came about this time that a small, hearty band of Hit-chens supporters came into the Registrar's Office and asked that these absentees be counted right away.

"We've got a lot of lesbians down at the Bull (Restaurant)," an affable woman said. "I gotta give 'em facts."

And so, Registrar of Voters Germaine Wong and her staff started tossing absentee ballots into the computer.

Someone told the Hitchens supporters that these ballots were likely very Republican. This could spell doom for the liberal Hitchens in her bid to unseat the conservative Ben-

For the next two hours faces were glued to computer screens. Every few minutes, updated voting figures were bleep-bleep-bleeping on the

'She's holding her own. . ." "She gained on this

"She's gonna do it. There's no way he can make any head-

At 2:30 a.m., Wong told everyone to leave.

"I have to be here in the morning," she said.

And so, the Hitchens sup-porters — black and white, straight and gay — filed out of City Hall. But unlike when they first arrived, they didn't leave fearing for the worst. Later on, their optimism was rewarded with a pencil-thin 790-vote victory for their candi-

Hitchens expressed satisfaction with the above story.

"I'm certainly very excited and very proud of the coali-tions we built," she said. "We got the support of not only the gay and lesbian clubs, but also blacks, Hispanics, Filipinos and Chinese.

Analysis

"I think many of the people who worked for me took a look (as an attorney) of working for civil rights and decided I was the one to work for."

Hitchens said she thought Benson had a big liability to overcome in the race.

"I think the thing that worked against him," Hitchens said, "was that he was a last-minute appointment by Gov. Deukmeappointment by Gov. Detikine-jian. He was typical of the gov-ernor's appointments: white, straight and male. He certain-ly didn't reflect the kind of the Bay Area. That appointment is kind of a slap in the face to the city of San Francis-

That perception of Benson may have attracted just enough votes to ease the tension of the race. Hitchens needed every bit of help she could get. She didn't have the backing of either daily newspaper in San Francisco.

She was particularly rankled with the stand taken by the San Francisco Examiner.

"They seemed to have the They seemed to have the philosophy that civil rights activists may make good lawyers, but they make bad judges," she said. "I was asked by Tom Dearmore (the Examiner's Pulitzer Prizewinning editorial writer) how could I possibly be a fair judge based on my civil rights rec-

Hitchens said there was no doubt she has biases, "but the most important thing is that the judge is aware of those biases. I think I have a great respect for diversity."

She should, considering the fact that she had quite a diverse group of people supporting her bid for the Superior Court bench. She said the interest in her campaign might have been a spinoff of President Reagan's nomination of Robert Bork to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986 and President Bush's nomination of San Francisco attorney Vaughn Walker to the U.S. District Court three years

"I think a lot of people feel they need to get interested," she said, "because they feel it's time to stop having this branch of government that has been off-limits to the people.'

With her election to the Superior Court, Hitchens can proudly say that there are no longer any kind of limits.

HIV

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many of the Muni shelters in the Castro and on Market street. It depicts two men, wearing only swim suits and brazenly displaying well-developed chests and legs. They lay on their backs next to each other and are "highfiving," presumably because they are surrounded by numerous playboy-bunny-esque bimbos.

It goes without saying that these women between them display enough cleavage, etc. to send a Moral Majority-type preacher into a drooling, bab-bling fit of anti-sex outrage (and/or horniness, assuming there's a difference).

I don't recall what this ad is bushing; probably booze. While the SFAF poster promotes health, this ad uses sex to sell drugs. Is this appropriate for our bus stops? Should heterocentric drug-pushing "art" be displayed where vulnerable youth might see it? Heck no! I'm glad Elzay has finally started taking his job seriously, and I look forward to the imposition of wide-spread censorship of bus stop adver-

After all, if Elzay doesn't get his way, we might have a vir-tual epidemic of safe sex and we wouldn't want that would we?

right hostile to gays and les-bians, she said. Russian- and Estonian-language TV reported on the conference in a fair and balanc-

introduced a taped report with the phrase, "And now to the perversities."

ly event, hoping that increas-ing contact with the Western gay movement will encourage Soviet gays and lesbians in the long battle that lies ahead.

A closing party at the Tallinn Technical University's Glehn Castle in the nearby coun-tryside was attended by 150

Several participants echoed the theme that they had come

The Estonian gathering came just months after the Soviet Union's first gay group formed in Moscow.



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Greater Bay News

Concord Gay Pride Day Hits Several Snags

by Keith Clark

East Bay activists were surprised this past week to learn through local media sources that on June 24 the Concord Pavilion would be the location of a "Gay Pride Day festivity" that will feature the British pop dance group Erasure.

Also among those surprised at being the site of what was described as the "second largest gay pride event in California" were representatives of the Concord Pavilion who said no such festival is planned at the popular music venue and that Erasure is merely performing at the pavilion on that date, not as a featured attraction for an event that they were unaware was going on.

On June 9 the Oakland Tribune reported in a frontpage news item titled "Gay Pride Festival Set for Concord" that the alleged celebration will feature the popular British group as "the event's headline band."

The *Tribune* article quoted Ken Stanley of the Gay and Lesbian Public Awareness Committee as saying the event "can be the beginning of the healing" between gay rights

activists and fundamentalists, who have been at loggerheads in Concord for several years now.

But the Bay Area Reporter has discovered that the event, which Stanley claimed on a Monday evening KGO-TV news report, would be the "second largest gay pride event in California," outstripping Los Angeles' popular Christopher Street West celebration, which annually draws some 200,000 people, in fact appears to be the gay pride non-event of the year at a music area that holds a maximum of 8,500 people.

a maximum of 8,500 people.

Brad Schulenberg, marketing director for the Concord Pavilion, said, "It just so happens that the [Erasure] concert is on gay pride day; it was not booked that way. Erasure is not involved with the event. I don't even know if that can be done at the pavilion since we promote the shows ourselves and we stay away from causes and political issues."

Dorine Rossato, who handles Erasure's public relations at Sire Records in Los Angeles, confirmed that the band was "not connected with any gay pride event in Concord

or anywhere else that I know of."

Schulenberg also told the Bay Area Reporter that no such event as a "Gay Pride Day" was planned or has even been discussed at the pavilion.

"We were approached by Ken Stanley." Schulenberg said, "[for permission] to pass out literature and have some tables [at the concert]. We said, no problem. We do that for other groups, and we'll do it for, you as well. They're doing it outside the arena, outside where people enter and where we normally set up this kind of thing. That's all there is to it, really. So I don't know where all this other stuff is coming from. I don't know what's going on except for what we're participating in — or what we think we're participating in."

Schulenberg was clear, however, that the pavilion is not the site of a gay pride day festival.

Bewilderment

East Bay activists also expressed bewilderment at what the announcement by Stanley of so grand a non-event at the (Continued on page 30)

Going Once, Going Twice... Sold!

Jello San Andreas demonstrates a rowing machine, one of hundreds of items donated to the fourth annual Marin AIDS Fund auction. Held last weekend at B.J.'s in Corte Madera, over \$15,000 was raised for direct assistance grants to ple with AIDS.

'Fighting Words' Ban In Effect At Stanford

by Keith Clark

Stanford University's "fighting words" ban went into effect on June 11.

Critics say the ban is only a "gesture against bigotry" as well as an infringement on the First Amendment right of free speech, supporters say it is an attempt to curb verbal or printed harassment on campus even while conceding the highly controversial ban will probably do little to actually deter students from such verbal assaults.

Stemming from several instances of racially offensive remarks during the past few years, the newly adopted policy forbids the use of words, either spoken or printed, that are commonly understood to convey a "direct and visceral" hatred based on sex, race, color, handicap, religion, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin.

The policy applies only to such "fighting words" when aimed at a specific individual or a small group of individuals.

While violations of the new code would be considered a breach of the university's rules of conduct, they do not include any specific punishments for violators.

Sally Cole, Stanford's judicial affairs officer said, however, that because violating the new rules was an infraction of the school's student code of ethics, violators could face punishments under

that code ranging from a letter of reprimand to expulsion from the university.

A much tougher version of the fighting-words ban was defeated last year

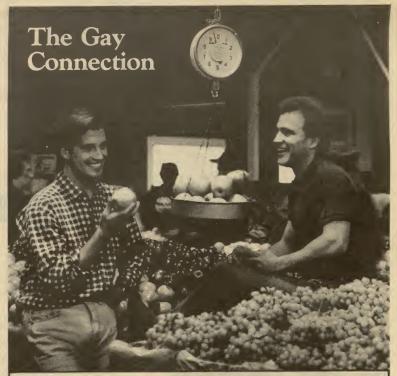
A similar ban at the University of Michigan aimed specifically at combating anti-gay slurs was ruled an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment in September and that ruling is being appealed.

Perry Friedman, a member of Stanford's Student Conduct Legislative Council, which approved the new ban, said he supported the intent to fight prejudice on campus but opposed the new policy.

"You're not going to stop racism or sexism or homophobia," he said, "with a rule like this. It's pretty difficult to force people to be good."

Friedman and other opponents of the fighting-words policy say the school could more effectively fight bigotry on campus by hiring more minority faculty and administration officers, increasing admissions to minority groups and by adding university courses in various minority studies to the school's curriculum.

Supporters of the policy, even while acknowledging it may do little to curb instances of harassment on campus, argue that the new rules simply formalize as university policy what is already informally unacceptable.



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Tamalpais Students Protest Condom Program Obstacles

by Keith Clark

Students at Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, upset over the derailing of a condom distribution program, took their case to the streets last week with a demonstration along a busy street in front of the campus.

The controversy erupted last month into a full-scale face-off between conservative parents who object to it on moral grounds and students, AIDS activists and educators who support it for health reasons.

Some 50 to 60 students waved placards and chanted as passing motorists in the upscale Marin County suburb of San Francisco honked their support of the students. "Use Condom Sense — Support CAP" and "CAP It" some of the signs read.

CAP, the Condom Availability Program, was first approved May 9 by the school's leadership team, which includes students, teachers, parents, staff and administrators, after pupils lobbied for months to convince school offi-

cials to begin the program.

Student body President Dave Harris, chief proponent of the proposal, gathered some 600 student signatures in support of the plan at the 900student campus.

On May 12, only three days before the CAP program was to begin at the school, Kentfield attorney Judith Tomsic, representing unidentified parents of students at the school, notified school district officials that the parents' group would file suit against the district if the program was implemented

The program has been put on temporary hold by Tamalpais Union High School District officials pending a legal review of the program and an administration decision on whether or not to permit it to go ahead.

Because there is now less than two weeks of the term left this year, no one connected with the school believes the CAP program will be decided on before next fall — if then.

But the students - and two

parents — went to the streets both to show their support for the program and garner public support for the controversial plan.

"This is the best way to reach a lot of people," Nav Khalsa, a junior at the school and one of the protest organizers, said.

Doreen Stock, whose son, Ben Stock is also a junior at the school, joined the students briefly to show her support for the CAP program.

"It's a health issue we're dealing with rather than a moral one," she said.

The students were out with pickets before the first classes began at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, again during the lunch hour and on Wednesday morning as well.

Because of the threatened legal action against the school district, neither Superintendent Walter Buster nor Tamalpais High principal Barbara Galyen would comment on the protest or the CAP program.

Concord

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Concord Pavilion really means.

Arlene Mose of the Walnut Creek-based East Bay Alternative said, "None of the bars are involved; none of the businesses are involved. I'm not sure if [the Metropolitan Community Church] is really committed to this event or not. If it is, it will be GALPAC and MCC and that will be the end of it. There isn't a person that I know out in the gay community that's very aware of the fact that this is happening. It's kind of like throwing a party and no one's gonna show."

Activists said a GALPAC member had distributed a flier at a June 1 organizing meeting of the newly formed Contra Costa Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Organizations (AGLO) announcing that table space would be available at the Erasure concert at the pavilion, but that none of the organizations in the new community coalition had been consulted on the plan.

The Rev. Larry Whitsell of Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, in fact, denied that the church will have a table at the concert as Stanley told the *Tribune*.

"I like Ken," Whitsell said, "yet my philosophy has always been that I don't believe anything he says any farther than I can spit until I check it out. I just don't ... To a certain extent we've tried to protect the world from Ken in a lot of ways."

Upset over the recent reports, other East Bay activists, who have in the past carefully avoided public fighting within Contra Costa's smaller and embattled gay rights movement, are now openly critical of Stanley.

The East Bay Alternative's Mose, for example, dismissed a boycott of the Concord Pavilion announced by Stanley earlier this year.

"No one I know is boycotting the pavilion," Mose said. "The pavilion is now an advertiser in the EBA. I would never have approached them if indeed there was a gay boycott."

Rob Birle, president of the

Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators, also questioned the viability of Stanley's group, GALPAC, which he said "consists of only three or four people — not the 200 people they have on a mailing list."

No Rainbow Flag

Stanley, in an interview with the Bay Area Reporter, claimed that "the idea that there are going to be tables set up outside of where the seating is, is the thing that makes this into Concord's gay pride festival. And that's what the Tribune was covering ..."

During the interview, Stanley also made a number of other claims concerning the now much-publicized but largely mythical gay pride festival at the pavilion that either contradicted other things the activist said elsewhere in the interview or were denied by outside sources. Stanley said, for example, that he had talked with Concord Mayor Byron Campbell who had suggested that Stanley speak with Schulenberg at the pavilion about the gay pride event. "It was Byron Campbell himself that [sic] helped put this together," Stanley told the B.A.R.

Campbell, however, denied categorically that he had had anything to do with working with Stanley in any way with whatever is going on at the pavilion.

"I have absolutely no idea what he's talking about," Campbell told the Bay Area Reporter. "He had one meeting here with me ... and the reason for that meeting was to explain to him clearly that the pavilion has no policy about getting involved in these issues. He has as much right to be in front of the pavilion dispensing information as he has to go in front of Safeway and dispense information."

And while Stanley initially said the Tribune report of the gay pride festival was correct, later in the interview he said, "It's just a party. Yes, we will have our tables set up and, yes, we will be flying the rainbow flag and all that sort of stuff. But beyond that, that's it. There's nothing of any super consequence that's going to be going on there."



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A 'Repenting' Nose

Inebriant Dogmatics (A "Repenting" Nose)

men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but — live for it." Colton/Lacon

You couldn't call it your ordinary tabernacle, mosque, or bethel, but Imperial Crown Princess Cathy Heart's "Brusharbor Revival" at Big Mama's, Friday, June 8, did have a certain amont of "spirituality" to it, as it were.

But even the "all mighty" him/herself couldn't/wouldn't him/herself couldn't/wouldn't intervene to make it start on time. As per usual practices (and still unacceptable standards) this event was finally started an hour late. Miss Cathy Amy Simple MacPherson Heart had scheduled two sets of sanctification; but since the first one lasted almost into my own personal sabbath, my spouse and I departed into night before the "You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet" second set

"Evangelical" entertainers for the revival included the sisters Cathy, Timmi Ryan, Manuel, Rene Colby, Kelly Collins (Empress of San Jose), Trampolina Lopez, Gigi, Tootsil, Kim (Empress 17 of Stockton), and the brothers Emperor Michael and Emperor Tim (No. 17 of Stockton).

or Tim (No. 17 of Stockton).

That latter emperor was in charge of conducting the 50/50 raffle. In a brief bit of "butter-fingerness" he boggled the bottle and broke it. All monies were retrieved and deposited into a less glamorous but not-as-fragile plastic bowl a la Mr. Tupper. A total of \$122 was raised and the winner of half was was none other than Edwas was none other than Ed-die P! He donated all but \$20 back. That twenty, said Ed, was to start a new fund to renew the patio at Fairmont Hospital's AIDS ward.

The Chitawqua Circuit has little to fear, however, for the only soles saved this night were on the shoes of those who didn't do any dancing!

Iniquitous Nocturnals (A "Gin Makes Me Sin" Nosel

"There is no sin. There are only stages of development." Tibetan Proverb

Goodness, gracious! Imperial Crown Prince James' "A Sinful Night," at Bill's the Eagle, Saturday, June 9, certainly started off with a bust — well, actually two! Rainbeau did a pre-opening number that not only brought the house down, but also removed most of her costume as well! The nervous titter that ran through the audience wasn't any kind of em-barrassment; it was Ms. Rainbeau's two boobs!

lim's peccable hosts for the event were Timmi Ryan, Michael and Tim (emperors from ISE and San Jose, respec-tively), and Tootsi. The scelerous entertainers for the evening included Raven Madd, evening included Raven Madd, Trampolina Lopez, Rene Col-by, Morgan, Tootsi, Cathy Heart, Lucy Manhattan, Meti and his hula dance, Manuel, Paul Breeding (candidate for Mr. Gay San Jose, Empress Kelly of San Jose, and John. Many of those who were so "goodie-goodie" the previous night, really let their hair down for this pefarious night for this nefarious night.

A total of \$436 was raised from food sales and balloting from food sales and balloting for the seven deadly sins. Mama Chuckles was the win-ner of the 50/50 raffle, and received \$47 for his half. (That's two bartenders winning the 50/50 raffle in as many nights!).

The typical "monkey wrench in the machinery" must have happened because must have nappened because several performers listed on the program didn't appear, and there wasn't any Mr/Ms Sin contest or in-theme prizes. But with the crowd that was packed in the place, no one seemed to mind one bit.

Hotchpotch (A Ragout

Alameda County Parade Contingent invites all who are Contingent invites all who are interested to a special meeting on Sunday, June 10, 1:45 p.m., at Bills The Eagle. The biggie items are: final construction of the float and the final fundraiser to be held on Sunday, June 17. The "Afternoon Affair" will include a barbecue and a show. It, too, will be held at Bill's The Eagle.

One can only speculate, I guess. Last Sunday the emperor of Alameda County, the emperor of San Jose and Paul Moulton were summoned to the domicile of Val Souza for Bloody Marys. Just what are the shenanigans, monkey-shines and horseplay that Val has up her sleeves? Is there a has up her sleeves? Is there a plot afoot to to skew the soft-ball game in any way? Will there be a forfeit? Will Val ever play herself? (Don't read that as "play with herself!") Is Paul on the take? Only the Shadow

If you happen to notice 24-hour smiles on Pam (the last reigning Closet Ball King) and

Barbara (T&C), it's because they are an item.... as in newsome twosome!

Don't ever envy the "titled drag queen." Poor Cathy Heart, last Sunday, had to be "in face" in Modesto at l p.m., in Big Mama's at 4 p.m., at the Driftwood at 5 p.m., and in San Jose at 8 p.m.

C.J. Stoyka and David Murray are sponsoring a first ever
"Bare Chest Contest and Beer
Bust" on Sunday, July 8, on the
world famous patio of the
World Famous Turf Club. World Famous Turf Club. There will be a \$200 first prize going to "Mr. ISE Bare Chest '90." Trophies will be awarded to runners-up and a raffle will be held for a TV and CD player. (I wonder if Ms. Rainbeau's bosoms are eligible?)

John Lopez is working to add yet another three titles to Alameda County's arsenal, don't you know. More details as they become available.

Speedy get well wishes to Princess (B&B) who is recuperating at a friend's home in San Francisco. Princess broke her leg in a confrontation between her motor-cycle and a truck. The truck

Imperial Crown Prince James Bunting flexes his chir

Congratulations to Hay-ward's Jose. He caught his first (and only) foul ball at an A's game last Friday. He has only been waiting 24 years for this to happen.

Couldn't help but feel a twang on the ol' heart strings when reading the obit column last Saturday. Michael Raffetto died at age 91 in Berkeley. It wouldn't mean anything to you young whipper-snappers, but to us of the "mature" persua-sion, we remember him as

Paul Barbor on radio's One Paul Barbor on radios One Man's Family, Let's see. There was Mother and Father Barbour in Sea Cliff with Paul, Claudia, Jack, Cathy, Cha Cha, David.... oops! The last three are from a more current dynastic if you will. ty, if you will.

No matter what your field is, what counts for success in it is Sincerity. If you can fake that, you've got it made! I can smile at that as the countdown continues and running list increases.

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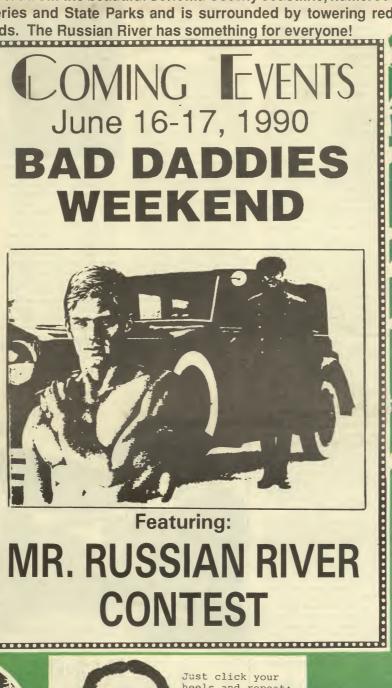
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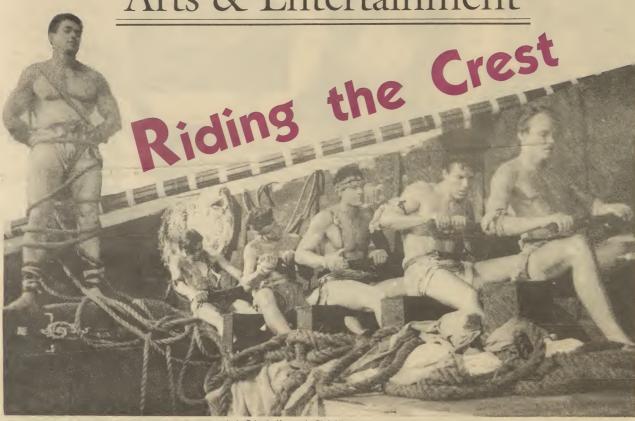
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Arts & Entertainment



Trauma on the high seas: Ulysses is taken prisoner early in Eric de Kuyper's Pink Ulysses, part of this year's gay film festival.

Tidal Wave of Celebratory Images Buoys Gay Film Fest

by Warren Sonbert

s the 14th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is about to set sail for 10 days (June 15-24, Castro and Roxie), some thoughts swim gingerly to the surface.

to the surface.

For modern cinema, gays don't exist. Totally "out" gay filmmakers Almodovar and Gus Van Sant, whose early works Law of Desire, Dark Habits, What Did I Do to Deserve This? and Mala Noche were all premiered by the SFIL&GFF over the years (while being ignored by the other festival), now make mainstream films. Their latest efforts, Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down! and Drugstore Cowboy, don't even contain any gay characters — much less the gay characters - much less the gay worlds or points of view previously explored.

ously explored.

If gay directors aren't interested in gay situations why should we be surprised that Speilberg and Allen and Stone and Coppola and Ridley Scott et al. ignore us? My friend, the Hollywood producer Harvey Marks, says that the marketing experts believe the mall out. experts believe that mall audiences think they will catch AIDS just being in a theatre that has gay characters up there on the screen.

So forget about the tender, loving ways of Maurice or Another Country, of Making Love or The Rainbow — they are the dinosaurs of the '80s. Nowadays the straight macho hero doesn't even have a gay sidekick or even a gay delivery boy (though Lord knows I've nothing against delivery boys)

— or anyone who would project a positive homosexual im-

You won't find us in the big blockbusters Batman or Total Recall or Die Hard or Black Rain, though gay people go to the movies just like the more and more amply represented Asian Americans and blacks and Hispanics do. We are the last invisible people, the last frontier for the popular media culture to acknowledge as ex-

Television almost seems more aware, what with two nice guys in bed together (thirtysomething) or teenagers discovering their sexuality (on

sheer rare pleasure of experiencing some concrete gay images. And who can blame them? For 10 blessed days and nights there are movies, albeit good, bad and indifferent, that address the gay psyche with social, erotic and aesthetic slants that act on our self-esteem like deservedly wel-come balm.

I previewed 24 programs over the course of two weeks, and while much maddened or saddened me for aesthetic reasons, more than half of the slots witnessed are eminently • Best Revival Feature: Caged

Best Experimental Short: (see elsewhere)

Best Video: Made for TV (in "Tom Rubnitz Marathon")

◆Best Video Program: "Tom Rubnitz Marathon"

• Worst Men's Film: Coming Out

♦ Worst Women's Film: Crocodiles in Amsterdam

My reservation about the lat-ter two works is the fact that

they're so conventional (which is the pejorative side of tradi-tional). One would think that one of the liberating aspects of being gay is that it gives one a unique, a delirious, a broad

perspective on the world. But these two films are so dreary in

wanting to attain to mediocri-ty and the accepted norm of what is safe and nuclear fami-

Thai 'Boys in Band'

IAM a Man (hardly, my dear) is a Thai remake (after a fashion) of Mart Crowley's The Boys in The Band and is about as sophisticated cinematically as a 1953 Superman TV episode. I didn't have much patience for its campu, hysterical tience for its campy, hysterical style; if you're gay in Bangkok you wear a dress and makeup. Though I suppose if you get really tanked up on Jack Daniels and qualludes and window pane one might be able to make it through and have a reasonably good time

The French Canadian Straight to the Heart (A Corps Perdu) by Lea Pool centers on a disintegrating menage-a-trois in Montreal. The photographer hero Kurwenal has for ten years here harpolity content. ten years been happily content with his live-in loves — a male aquarium vet and a female viaquarum vet and a remaie vi-olinist. When he returns home from a turbulent unnamed Central American nation (this is coy) he discovers that they've both left him for each other.

Three scenes of high ironic humor stand out. When Kurwenal is at his agent's highrise offices bemoaning his fate, a window washer platform glides down with a com-ely young man looking quesbecomes Kurwenal's new boy-friend later on (what a way to meet!). He, as it turns out, is also a deaf mute (at least he can escape Kurwenal's endless bit-ching) so the silent window separation is even more apropos. Later, when Kurwenal frantically searches out his old flame on the job, the aquarium is on strike and he has to jam his way through a

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For ten blessed days and nights there are movies, albeit good, bad and indifferent, that address the gay psyche.

an "Afternoon Lunchbreak Special," no less, called What If I'm Gay?) or even dealing with AIDS in a schlock, glossy miniseries (People Like Us). Of course, David Lynch doesn't think we exist or could nossibly he of any interest. possibly be of any interest Even before Twin Peaks which has 35 major characters
— count 'em 35! — none of
them gay (and don't tell me it's a small town), Lynch had the opportunity in Blue Velvet and swept it aside. Yet gays will have Twin Peaks parties and gush at its facile and labored red herrings with fanzie devo-

Salivating Audiences

So when every year Michael Lumpkin and his SFIL&GFF come down the pike, there are salivating audiences, hyper-ventilating at the gills for the

worth catching. (This is an especially high ratio for yours truly as I generally resist much that I'm sent to cover.)

Above all the tidal wave of positive and celebratory gay images overwhelms any qualms about individual programs or

Much in this issue and next week's will deal more specifically and in detail with a dozen programs, but I wanted to give a few capsulated pointers.

- · Best Traditional Narrative: Prisonnieres
- ♦ Best Experimental Narrative: Pink Ulysses
- Best Documentary Paris Is Burning
- Best Revival Short: Tie between *Un Chant* d'Amour and Blow Job.

ly and spoon 'n June that one can only throw one's hands up in frustrated depression at their dogged lack of imagina-I haven't seen either Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit — about which everybody raves or Extramuros — of which there are good reports, but even works that I was lukewarm about, I Am a Man or Straight to the Heart, have

their merits.

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Festival Highlights

Gay life in its various configurations, clockwise from left this page: Two lesbian soldiers in Comrades in Arms; Susie Bright as John Lennon in Grapefruit; crusty photographer meets deaf mute in Straight to the Heart; Voguing in Paris Is Burning; lesbians in stir in Scrubbers; medidation on the poet Cavafy in Trojans. Opposite page: Black "cowboy" in Tongues Untied; young lesbians in the groundbreaking 1970s film Holding (part of "Starting Glances" program); Thai version of Boys in the Band is called I Am a Man; Flavio De Souza in O Brinco; Garbo program "reclaims her lesbian pensi"." AIDS protect in Resting lesbian past"; AIDS protest in Positive.

The Many Shades of Gay

by Karl Bruce Knapper

here's a good selection of films of interest to gay men and lesbians of color men and lesbians of color at the festival this year. Some, like Marlon Riggs' impressive and critically acclaimed Tongues Untied, have been seen before. Others, about gay and lesbian Native Americans, Asians, Asian Americans, His-panics and African Americans, are getting well-deserved pre-

On the bill with Tongues which combines poetry, per-sonal testimony, rap, and per-formance to describe the homophobia and racism that confront black gay men are Out of the Shadows and The Out of the Snadows and The Male Gayze. This program closes the festival on Lesbian/Day Freedom Day, June 24, 9 p.m., at the Roxie Cinema.

The Male Gayze is a thoughtprovoking experimental short by New York filmmaker Jack Waters. In it, a black dancer talks about his experiences at a dance competition in Europe and the relationship he devel-oped with one of the judges, who turns out to be a "dinge queen" determined to exploit his blackness and exoticism.

The narration is paired with cheaply shot footage of a nude black man, street scenes, horses, white men and other subjects that seem to have no explicit relationship to the spoken text.

By doing so the film becomes a theoretical dis-course that raises provocative and disturbing questions about race, power, relation-ships, the Eurocentric vs. the Afrocentric/ethnic in culture, the objectification and exotic fetishization of black men, and

the intellectual vs. the libidinal in white culture (both gay and straight).

Out of the Shadows is a halfhour documentary which looks at a variety of black gay men (businessmen, lawyers, community activists and transvestites) from Philadelphia and shows how they've come to terms with being black and gay in America. The film, written and produced by Chris Buford and narrated by the poet Essex Hemphill, is reminiscent of "coming out" films like The Word is Out in its unpretentious exposition. community activists and trans its unpretentious exposition and use of interviews. of their individual families as well as the black community, AIDS, racism within the (white) gay community and mainstream society, and the oppression of double-minority status as well as the denial, repression, low self-esteem, and internalized homophobia that often accompany it. Diverse Short Docs

The "New Documentary Shorts" program screens at the Roxie, June 23, at 12:30 p.m. It is remarkable for its diverse collection of works representing leablest and grapes of ting lesbians and gay men of color. Wild Thing: A Poem by Sapphire is edited and



Vogueing competition in Paris Is

But here, the subjects are a wide-ranging group of black gay men, united by race and sexual orientation, who have managed to fully integrate their racial and sexual iden-

Juxtaposed against scenes of Juxtaposed against scenes of a black gay gospel choir per-forming, various men talk about being black and gay. They recall the first aware-ness/awakening of their homosexuality, the reactions directed by Cheryl Dunne. This video is an experimental poetry performance piece that paints an abrasive, troubling picture of a black youth trapped in a world of poverty, isola-tion and random violence. Strongly worded, it explores the misogynist manifestations of a disturbed boy's life with references to the cultural and social pressures which lead

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Joy Chamberlain's 'Nocturne'

These Women Come Out at Night

by Kate Bornstein

oy Chamberlain has made the most intensely erotic lesbian film of this year's International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival — and with no explicit love scene and with very few lines of direct sex-

The storyline of *Nocturne* is simple. Marguerite is an upper-class Englishwoman returning to the family mansion to attend her mother's funeral. In flashbacks beautifully filtered through a cold blue light, we are shown her emotionally impoverished childhood. Cut to two young childhood. Cut to two young lesbian lovers, Sal and Rhea, recently escaped from reform school, who are hitchliking down the road in Marguerite's direction. They meet. The evening of power games and role-playing that they spend together rivals Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf for intensity and catharsis.

Nocturne, which screens at the Castro June 15 at 10 p.m. and June 23 at 2 p.m., was scripted by Trish Fairbanks, and shot for London's Channel 4 television. Chamberlain had previously directed *Domestic* Bliss (1985), a lesbian soap

opera for television, and landed the job as director. But "lesbian" is not really the focus of Nocturne, and Chamberlain wants to direct more than solely lesbian fare.

Power and Identity

Nocturne examines the dynamics of power and identity in a seductively personal way. Chamberlain confidently employs an array of cinematic employs an array of chematic techniques, and plays us, the audience, like a well-tuned in-strument. The lights, the silences, the bizarre camera angles, even the presence of "the dangerous woman" — all these elements are intended to bring to mind the film noir genre of the 1940s.

Contrary to film noir formula, however, the dangerous woman (Sal – played flawlessly by Caroline Patterson) does not bring about the downfall of the male hero. There is no male hero. The hero is Marguerite (another seamless performance by veteran ac-tress Lisa Eichorn). And Sal engineers not her downfall, but her resurrection. Marguerite, we learn, is oppressed by a power dynamic between herself and her mother, triangulat-

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Girls' Nights Out at the Castro

Light Dykes

by Kate Bornstein

ining up outside the Castro Theatre, there are four or five hundred dykes of every age, description, political bent and spiritual path. There are recovering dykes, young dykes, non-recovering dykes, and dykes recovering from other dykes' recoveries.

other dykes' recoveries.

They're leanin' up against the wall, they're crouched down on the sidewalk, they're huggin' and kissin' and they're sayin' hi to friends they haven't seen since last year this time. And soon they'll all be inside that big old theatre and the organ'll be cranked up and the roccoco nymphs on the wall will strut their stuff. Soon, it's "San Francisco" on the organ and the cheers and catcalls of hundreds of dykes and the organ descends and the lights go down and the curtain opens go down and the curtain opens onto more dykes.

Only these dykes are 20 feet tall. These dykes have eyes the size of softballs. These dykes are made entirely of light. These dykes transform us without being transformed. These dykes cry the tears we've held back. These dykes have the words we've wanted to say but could never find. These dykes of light have mothers we can watch from a

And their mothers are light, cry, and we might cry and we might hear the other hundred or so dykes pull out kleenex or whisper to their lovers, "Here, take mine, it's not too much

And we dykes can hear aloud the music we've always played in our heads at a time of romance — you know, the music that should be there at that first look, that first kiss, that first sweet time of lovemaking.

These dykes come out to people we've been aching to come out to. Nudge, nudge, hey honey, you think I should finally come out to my folks? Shhhhhh.

These dykes of light age 20 years in 60 minutes, and these dykes say, hey, rewind me and I'll be 20 years younger and you can watch it all over again.

you can watch it all over again.

These dykes of light die and dissolve into lists of names. Names and jobs. Names we wonder about. Jobs we'll probably never know what they do. Say, what's a gaffer anyway, really? And half dreaming, half dreamlike we four or five hundred dykes get up out of our seats and kind of shake our heads, looking at each other. Or not. Holding our lovers' hands. Or not.

We're leaving the theatre

We're leaving the theatre now. Past the four or five hundred boys lined up outside the Castro. Boys laughing and posing and leaning and making room for us to get by so they can go in and watch 20-foot gay boys with eyes the size of soft-balls. Gay boys made of light.

A Breathtaking 'Ulysses'

by Warren Sonbert

he l4th San Francisco In-ternational Lesbian and Gay Film Festival is sure Gay Film Festival is sure to reap one of its biggest hits with Eric de Kuyper's Pink Ulysses (Castro, June 19 and 22). This crazy, inventive film manages to be cinematic, sexy and daring — everything a film in this kind of festival should

Starting off with a '50s physique magazine approach to the Ulysses legend — the hero is a bodybuilt dream — the film then veers off in any number of flascinating directions. It sure tops the arch, fey style of Derek Jarman's Sebastian with which at first it would seem to have much in

We are back in the spear-and-sandal splendor of Demetrius and the Gladiators as if directed underwater. Then the specter of New American Cinema rears its head in its expressionist phase in the full camp flower of Jack Smith, Kenneth Anger, Maya Deren and the painterly patina of Gregory J. Markopoulos. A debt to the pansy classic *Pink Narcissus* (its obvious namesake) isn't too far behind.

As scenically, arms come out of walls (Cocteau) or support tables (Von Sternberg), de Kuyper's true vocation might seem to be as a set designer for opera. But then to portions of Stravinsky's Le Sacre du Printemps on the track, both a parody of ballet but as well a score, and then as the music spins to another cadence, the camera follows suit with rapid single frame-like swirls. And then we return again for a repeat — both visually and aurally. The film continually takes on other media in welcomely. on other media in welcomely unpredictable ways



cinematic extension of its possibilities is suggested in one of the more brilliant sequences of the film.

A solo bare-chested figure taps impatiently to the rhythmic insistency of the

As its 90-minute length un-As its 90-minute length unravels, it comes to seem one of the most successful experimental narratives I've ever experienced and fully on a par with Syberberg's (Parsifal, Ludwig, Our Hitler) visual mischief.

Voluptuous color sequences alternate with black-and-white material from "found" sources as a constant used in such a way as to reveal the recycled images' hitherto hidden, homoerotic content. So a simple TV video of Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty ballet or clips from Eisenstein's Strike or Potemkin are clued to stress the gay presence beneath the surface.

Humor is never far from center stage. When Ulysses returns to Penelope, he rather chastely embraces her. But when his son enters the frame, the two men jump to erotic wrestling of a decidedly satirical bent.

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Pick O'the Fest: B.A.R. Critics' Ayes and Nays

Karl Knapper Recommends: Memory Pictures Male Gayze (on bill with

Tongues Untied) Meridad Poscrita Flesh and Paper Querelle

Missable: Deathwatch Wild Thing (but catch rest of New Documentaries program) Kate Bornstein Recommends Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit Nocturne. Wild Flowers Scrubbers Caged

I Got That Way From Kissing Girls and Still Point (from New Lesbian Shorts program) Missable:

Crocodiles in Amsterdam

I Am a Man (unless you really liked those Thai films two years ago) (Warren Sonbert's picks appear on page 33)

Daniel Mangin

Recommends

Only Fruit

Paris Is Burning

Abuse

Missable:

The Balcony

Straight to the Heart

Oranges Are Not The

My Hustler/Blow Job

Tom Rubnitz Marathon Out on Tuesday

'Out' and Outrageous

by Dennis Harvey

A mere continent away, a major network is bank-rolling a regular gay television series as savvy, diverse and frequently outre' as the gay community itself. It's Out on Tuesday, the weekly "magazine" now in its second season on Britain's prestigious Channel 4, and it may soon be Channel 4, and it may soon be coming to a theatre or living room near you.

Out on Tuesday is a bit of 60 Minutes, a bit of Spy Magazine and not quite like anything you've seen on the medium before. Stylish, impudent and tough-minded, its free-form, hoursland enjacks run ram. hour-length episodes run ram-pant across the gamut of gay experience, both in Britain and throughout the world.

We visited the series produc-tion headquarters recently in a nondescript industrial area of London. The offices are cramped, the receptionist flustered, but the buzz of activity is distinct. You can feel the excitement among these men and women who've somehow made it bigtime in broad-casting without compromising themselves a bit. A certain breathless but cheerful, disbelief hangs in the air.

There's nothing breathless, There's nothing breathless, however, about series editor Mandy Merck, who, along with producers Clare Beavan and Susan Ardill launched the program in 1988. Forty-ish with owlish glasses and the requisite business suit Merck quisite business suit, Merck

seems firmly in control despite the clutter and bustle around here. The only thing that wavers is her accent; she rather grudgingly admits to having been raised "mostly in Oregon," though she's pursued various feminist/gay avenues in journalism and broad-casting in England since 1968.

How did Out on Tuesday come about? "Basically Channel 4 (as a government-sponsored entity) has a legal remit to cater to audiences the bigger ITV doesn't reach, to do politically minded work, and to encourage innovation in its programming," she says. "There had been a show called Gay Life around 1978, so there was a certain precedent set. But that program was so slanted toward the men's point of view, that women eventually protested against it.

"Obviously we wanted to address all the different gay groups, not exclude anyone by gender, age, economic class or color. But we didn't want to get caught up in a 'social working' mentality either, saying, 'Well, here's a segment for all you Asian gay women out there: We're very serious about achknowledging the gaps be-tween different parts of the community. But most often we community. But most often we like to deal with this diversity confrontationally, by putting people from varied backgrounds on 'general interest' stories, both in front of and behind the camera.

Indeed, the Out on Tuesday offices are a visable stew of



Funny segment on ''white flannel'' epics is part of ''Out on Tuesday'' program.

multicultural genders and preferences. Merck likes the idea of pairing men and women as co-researchers or directors on projects, if only be-cause "we've found that when men work together, they often tend to forget the women's side of the story

Industry Ripples

This playful, creative affirmative action has already created ripples in the larger world of the British television industry as a whole. The series' smash U.K. success with both its estimated million-and-a-half viewers and very played compressioning very pleased commissioning network has kept Merck's phone ringing off the hook.

"Homophobic attitudes are of course rife," Merck admits, "but people are starting to come to us from the mainstream industry and say, 'Maybe we should change the way we portray gays. Can you recommend any available gay writers or directors?" she says with satisfaction.

If Out on Tuesday's first season raised plenty of eyebrows its current installments continue blazing trails where video has seldom dared

Perhaps the funniest seg-ment is a dolorous overview of "White Flannel" screen epics, Brideshead Revisited, Another Country and all the Another Country and all the other teasingly homoerotic costume dramas in which "golden youth caught in cliche's paws escape into the imperial twilight... with their wonderful doomed sensitivity." Watching a clip of a

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Gays in Germany Before Wall Fell

by Warren Sonbert

h those halcyon days of A Berlin before the wall fell. Well, the Wall will rise again to protect the West from turkeys like *Coming Out!* You know from the opening, in which a young man has his stomach pumped in grisly detail (quelle choix for Open-ing Night of the festival!) and then a prolonged nose bleed for the heroine in the very next scene that you're in for it.

Too bad the lead is so cute, because you feel sorry for him with all that the script and direction saddle him. Coming Out is obviously important in Our is obviously important in that it documents the unbelievably sleazy kitsch of Eastern "high" life like drag clubs, klunky Laugh-In discos (is that JoAnne Worley over there?).

Unfortunately, it also features a group of characters to which any audience can feel superior at all times. They are so dense — you're ahead of them at every move. When the bisexual star comes to visit his old boyfriend, the latter is com-pletely unprepared as to the reason for the social call.

reason for the social call.

It finally dawns on him why
(Philip wants to make sure that
his cover isn't "blown" with his
current girlfriend). At this moment of revelation, the old
flame forcibly restrains his
latest paramour from quitting
the room in disgust with such
poignant outrage that it flines poignant outrage that it flings



Young lovers in the East German film Coming Out.

the viewer over to the land of unintentional hilarity.

If this were just about straights, believe me it wouldn't be in any film festival. I've rarely witnessed such an awkwardly blocked film. The camera is always in the wrong place. When a moment calls for intimacy the lens is a millions miles away, and when a discreet distance should be maintained we're looking down someone's throat.

You really have to be strapped in to make it through this one. Every scene goes on about four minutes too long and every take wears out its welcome — interminably. There's a scene from Harry Kupfer's Magic Flute production at the Komische Opera and it's the only unconventional moment in the film.

The hero's first visit to a gay

bar coincides with a drag ball night (wouldcha know it? Mur-phy's Law...). I mean I'd jump ship too if this were the full spectrum of gay choices available — drooling drug fiends in their 90s, caked with Ponds, or slimy vampires with spikes and whips. This is a gay bar that Jesse Helms could've

After a particularly awful opening, the film settles in to a merely numbing mediocrity for the remainder. Whenever the spectre of Philip's new boyfriend looms in his vision, there's alien sci-fi music on the track — Coming Out indeed! The Castro audience deserves better.

Coming Out June 15, 7 p.m. **Experimental Shorts Program**

Experimentally Yours

by Daniel Mangin

This year's gay film fest program of experimental/avant garde works is the best such grouping in recent years, and it's one that will likely please the first-time viewer taking a chance on the new as much as it will the devoted fan. (I say this having booked this slot for the festival in years, some of them sparse, past.) As always, technically and thematically we have a mixed bag here, although (for once) all the filmmakers are proficient — even if we've a few quibbles here and there.



Moroccan marketplace in Warren Sonbert's Friendly Witness

The program begins with Friendly Witness, the latest from the B.A.R.'s resident critic, Warren Sonbert, who elsewhere in these pages is making new friends and enemies with his observations about the festival's other films. Either will have the satisfaction of knowing the comments come from that rarest of breeds, the critic who can actually create an artwork himself.

Sonbert brings the music visual to new heights with Friendly Witness, which begins with four rock songs and ends with a Gluck overture. Sonbert is a master at linking images together, and because of this his film is engaging irrespective of meaning. It simply looks great.

The images used here are familiar, either from events — carnival, a street fair, a parade, a rainbow, a circus — that we might have experienced directly, or from ones — a market in Morocco, soldiers marching in Europe — that we've seen on TV or in the National Geographic (in some cases achieving almost the same grainy, color realism photos often have there) or somewhere else.

The rock segments ("Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?" "Runaway," "Please, Mr. Postman" and "Little Darlin") are a generalized ode to love, and also a celebration of the rituals — official and unofficial — that we use to define and express love. A more serious tone develops as the film progresses into the Gluck overture, and Sonbert, who has up to here kept things fairly light, expands his analysis to include the complete cycle of life (of which love is but one, albeit important, component).

Important, component).

In this latter part, Sonbert cuts back and forth between shots that depict what "life" is for humans, flowers, animals and even machines. Amazingly — and this is his finest achievement with Friendly Witness — he recreates with the stuff of cinema (light, sound, the two-dimensional plane) the very tension that holds life together.

This tension is physical — we see it in views from the underside of an airplane or in oblique-angled shots on power lines crossing a field — but it is also represented in more ethereal shots of nature and of people's relating to each other on one level or another.

The question Friendly Witness ultimately asks is "What is holding all this together?" As the title suggests, Warren Sonbert has concluded that basically a benevolent force is at work, although even that title, which conjures up the malevolent years of McCarthy's reign in the Senate, admits to the existence of evil forces as well.

There are a thousand beautiful shots in this film and 999 fantastic segues — men chasing on horseback give way to a waterfall; a close-up of the mouth of a patient having dental work done gives way (after an abstract punctuation shot) to folks playing tug of war; a kid playing gives way to an old woman in a fur coat in a wheel chair gives way to a dog with a small animal in its mouth gives way to ice skaters gives way to a clip from an Esther Williams movie.

Friendly Witness makes one realize just how vital film can be.

Specific Tension, Silence

Automonosexual is about a tension of a more specific nature than that which Friendly Witness explores. Shot in negative and in slow motion, Automonosexual is no less effective. Abstract but discernible shots — the cutting here is great — depict a guy jerking off. This film is hot, and not just technically. The screeching, grinding soundtrack is perfect. Congratulations to Mr. Edgar A. Barens.

The silence is more than golden in Jim Hubbard's Elegy in the Streets, which brings new life to familiar footage of gay parades and ACT UP protests in a number of ways, chief among these the lack of a soundtrack. We've seen these sights before: proud gay folk parading with banners; protestors being carted away by police; placards chiding Reagan for neglecting AIDS; people viewing the AIDS



ACT UP protestor holds up sign at Shea Stadium action.

Memorial Quilt. Silence, at least for a while, forces us to see what is going on in these activities as we haven't before.

Coverage on commercial TV news is beginning to rob ACT UP protests of their power. On the news, we generally see 30 seconds of people screaming, and since we rarely get a coherent description of purpose — just pictures of angry people chanting — our ability to grasp the specific message (as opposed to the generalized anger) is lessened.

In Elegy, the silence sharpens the message against the government, the drug companies and the power dynamic that allows these institutions to operate unjustly. Hubbard brings this back to the personal by counterpointing these scenes with shots, mostly in a garden, of his former lover, experimental filmmaker Roger

Jacoby, who died of AIDS in the late 1980s.

Up against the crisp images in Friendly Witness (some of which actually overlap with Sonbert's) and the distinctive contrast of those in Automonosexual, Hubbard's images almost look a little shabby at first. But Hubbard's trademark hand processing, the use of which in his exuberant earlier work, Homosexual Desire in Minnesota, seemed merely arbitrary, here are right to the point.

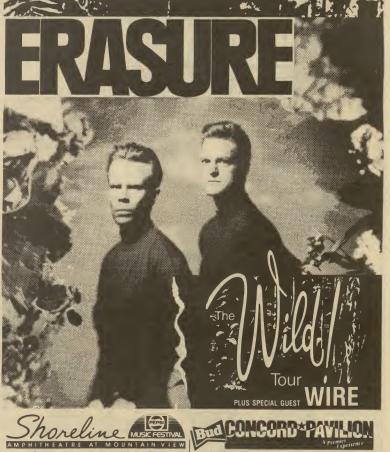
Most film and video images of people viewing the Quilt are shot in such a straightforward manner that they fail to capture the eerie, hairs-standing-up-on-the-arms feeling one gets on site. The combination of hand-processing and colorization in *Elegy* is just surreal enough to recreate that psychic atmosphere.

By film's end, Hubbard seems to have missed the point the ACT UP people have made in the shots he's included of their unfurling of signs at a New York Mets game. The success of ACT UP lies in the constant creation of new, startling images. "Strike Out AIDS," "AIDS Kills Women" and "Men, Wear Condoms" banners pack even more punch when seen, out of context, at a ball game. In Elegy, Hubbard stays a bit too long at the parade (and protest). He's still made a very fine film, how-

Beautiful, Exasperating

Trojans, the final offering of the program, is a beautifully shot piece that, frankly, exasperated the hell out of me. A meditation on the life of the poet Constantine Cavafy, this

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'Lusty and Lawless 'Series

Films That Unchain Your Heart

by Kate Bornstein

I'm glad I saw all three films in the "Lusty and Lawless" series at the film festival this year. The series is a powerful, disturbing, and frightening journey into a world of revenge, violence, loneliness, humiliation and suicide.

The world of women in prison has for quite some time served as fodder for movies pandering to the power fantasies of heterosexual men. Happily, the producers of the festival have selected three movies of the genre that transcend (to one degree or another) this level of exploitation, showing deeper, darker, more dangerous levels of this life. Even the title of the series, "Lusty and Lawless," is a buy-back of fifties pulp sensationalism.

Multifaceted 'Prisonnieres'

While Prisonnieres (France 1988) is the most technically accomplished film of the series, it is the least satisfying. The film's strength, and its primary weakness, lies in the multifaceted plot. Each of seven women prisoners has her own story, and each story is woven together with the stories of the other women. The characterizations of the women are strong, and each actress does a superb job, but in order to show us so many lives, filmmaker and scriptwriter Charlotte Silvera sacrifices detail. Written and filmed in the fast-

paced cutting style reminiscent of television's Hill Street Blues and St. Elsewhere, Prisonnieres also shares television's tendency to smooth out the rough edges and inhabit the middle ground. The film would probably do much beter as a three to five part miniseries, giving the director and actors a chance to really explore their emotions and responses to the world around them.

In Prisonnieres, the woman who rules the cellblock is the woman who buys the most influence with, and protection from, the jailors. The women in this film trade in the coin of the realm of the eighties — information. Who started that fight? What is this one's weak spot? Who's friends with whom? The snitch is thus glorified and rewarded.

Fifties Classic

The women of Caged (USA, 1950) reflect a more fifties sensibility. Their worth lies in the dollar. Material goods — lipstick, Mason Mints, cigarettes, a good pillow — these determine the pecking order of this classic. The woman on top in this film is the woman with the man on the outside who gives her money.

No man equals no money equals no power. Over and over, each of the women voices the sentiment "if it weren't for a man, I wouldn't be here." And while the women of Caged damn their men, they dream of romance "free-side." The big threat, voiced by one inmate, is, "If you stay in here too long, you don't think of guys at all — you just get out of the habit."

The authority figure in Prisonnieres is pictured as both self-serving and cold-hearted. The superintendent in Caged is at once humane, concerned, yet helpless in the face of ruthless politicians. She tries to see reform initiated in the prison, but is constantly thwarted.

Series Sleeper

In Scrubbers, authority takes the form of the walls behind which the reform school girls are imprisoned.



"Torture" in Caged.



Actress Milva plays Lucie, a lovelorn lesbian in Prisonnieres.

Scrubbers (UK, 1982) is the real sleeper of the series. Caged contains no explicit lesbian content. Prisonnieres does show a pair of lesbians, but time constraint reduces their love to a trivialized romance. And one of them commits suicide (or does she? — that part is confusing.)

In Scrubbers, director Mai Zetterling shows us several lesbian relationships, refusing to either whitewash or romanticize their content. If money is the key to Caged, and information is the valuable coin in Prisonnieres, Zetterling focuses on love and accceptance as the sought-after com-

modity in Scrubbers. In order to better illustrate the value of this coin, Zetterling makes the difficult and courageous choice to depict unflinchingly hatred, violence, and rejection. This movie is not for the squeamish. You'll see the dykes you know and love, but you'll see a side of them that will leave you wondering — us, too? The all-too-realistic scripting, harsh lighting, and sounds bouncing and echoing off the ever present concrete walls — these elements plus the suspense of a good story add up to the winner of the series.

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'Crocodiles' Bites Its Own Tail

Perhaps outside the context of the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, the Dutch film Crocodiles In Amsterdam would be enjoyable fare. Lesbian filmmaker Annette Apon has spun off the tried-and-true boybuddy movie to give us a girlbuddy film. If there are lesbians in the movie, they're not out to themselves or to anyone else.

The film begins with the dashed dreams of the two movie/television stereotypes: the beautiful bimbo and the plain shrew. While this might be amusing to a mainstream audience, I found the caricatures offensive, and waited for them to change, grow, or otherwise evolve. They do none of the above.

The Bimbo and the Revolutionary

The bimbo (Joan Nederlof) is a spoiled rich girl, living on her own through the good graces of wealthy Uncle Victor. She is depicted as a man-hungry airhead, who can't decide whether she wants to buy a new motorcycle or go see the elephants in Sri Lanka. She changes her clothes as frequently as she changes her name — today, it's Gino.

Nina (played by co-scripter Yolanda Entius) is the revolutionary, dreaming of blowing up some sort of building. But her anger is not real, it becomes trivialized since we never learn exactly what Nina wants to blow up or why. The rage which makes people become activists is reduced to a



Confusing caricatures in *Crocodiles in Amsterdam*.

sort of comic mumbling, interspersed with temper tantrums, the perfect foil for happy-go-lucky, upperclass Gino.

The only other female char-

The only other female character of any substance is Nina, "What's mom. Gino asks Nina, "What's your mom like?" "She does dishes" is the reply. And accordingly, when we meet her, she is wringing her hands in pink rubber gloves, dripping with dish water.

Mixed Messages

The message seems to be that privilege and upward class mobility are good. Cimo, cute, heterosexual femme that she is, con and does pass in any world. She chases men, often

literally leaving her "buddy," as well as the revolution, when a handsome guy strolls by.

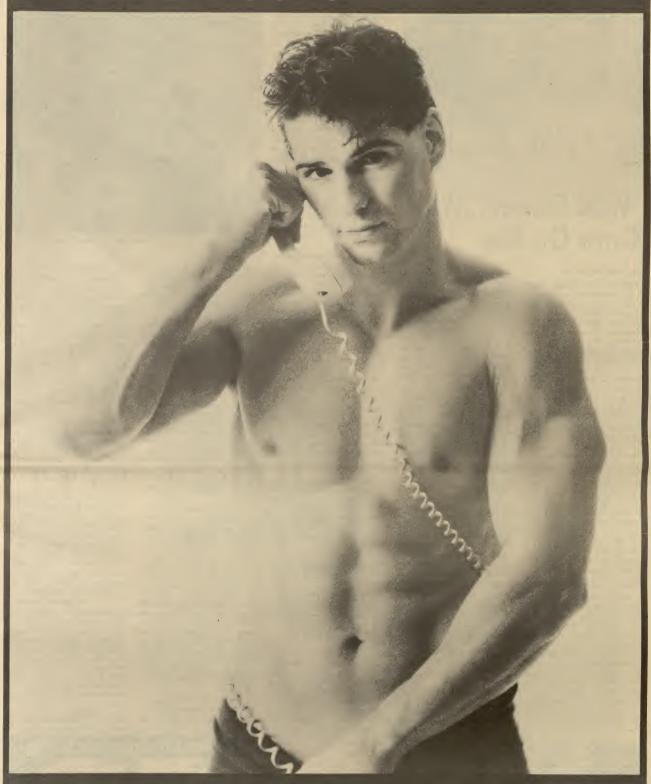
The kicker is that by the end of the film, Nina learns that she, too, can put on a dress and attract men. With onetime bad girl Nina now in a velvet dress with lace trim, filmmaker Apon effectively reduces the revolution to a poorly done version of the old Laurel and Hardy "top this one" routine, in which the two buddies trash some person's house while that person trashes their vehicle. Admittedly, I don't get it.

Crocodiles doesn't work at the level of a spoof; there are too many offensive images of

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Sadie and Annie fall in love in Wild Flowers.

'Wild Flowers' Will Grow On You

by Kate Bornstein

here is a haunting, sweet, passionate movie at the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival this year: Robert Smith's Wild Flowers. It's another UK entry, and yet another entry made for Channel 4 TV (Nocturne, Out on Tuesdays). It's a movie for Tuesdays). It's a movie for every lesbian, for every straight man who ever loved a lesbian, and for every gay man who ever felt stifled at home while growing up.

The story takes place in a small village in Scotland. Most of the action is in flashback, during the '60s. Sadie (Beatie Edney), a progressive young woman from the big city, Glasgow, is visiting the family of her sweet but conservative and somewhat nerdish howfriend. Annie (Colette boyfriend. Annie (Colette O'Neil) is the mother of her boyfriend. She and Sadie hit it off right away. While the men of the family seem content to drone away their lives in the parlor, the women laugh and share a great time.

Unforgivable Sins

Enter Grandmother (Shelia Keith), a manipulative, controlling matriarch, who reveals to Sadie the "unforgivable sins" of her daughter — Annie once had an affair with anoth-er woman! Sadie's interest in Annie grows, and, of course, it is reciprocal. Their relationship evolves throughout the movie, and director Smith skillfully poses just enough questions to keep us guessing where it might end.

The men of the film are characterized as needy, overly intellectual, and dependent on their mothers/wives/girlfriends for their completeness
They are drawn with compas sion by the filmmaker, but with no passion of their own. The men, in fact, are sexless Adored by the women of the town for simply being men, they are quite at a loss when they are ignored.

Sadie and Annie ignore the men, to Grandmother's horror, and delight in each other's wit and energy. They are the wild flowers — bright, spontaneous, and passionate in the small town populated by an oppress-ed working class with no time for friviolities.

Distinction, Revelation

In addition to class distinc-on, there is also the distinction of sexuality, and the film moves from a passionless, pointless heterosexuality, through revelation, to warmth and an eventual reconciliation of passion and intellect be tween the women.

The acting is superb. The music is hauntingly appropriate. The camera work is beautiful. The movie's intellectual message is skillfully woven into a compelling romantic journey. Wild Flowers works on all these levels, and is one of the musts of the festival this

Remembering Robert Evans

The beginning of June has been particularly hard for the gay arts community. In these first days of the month, Dan Turner, Robert Pitman and now Robert Evans, co-founder of the Rostic Circums and the state of ie Cinema and supporter of gay and independent film and video, have all passed away. Our community will, sadly, not be the same without them.

Although I had been a patron of the Roxie since its in-ception in 1976, I only met Robert Evans a few years ago, when I started working with the gay film festival. He was one of the wryest, sweetest people I've ever met — rather an imp, though (he used to love when things got dull), and boyishly handsome on into his 40s.

I mention his boyishness, be cause if there was one thing that stood out about him it was what a kid he ultimately was People spend goodly amounts of money these days for week end workshops to help them "get in touch" with the child within. Robert didn't have to; he'd never lost contact.

Robert started the Roxie with Richard Gaikowski. The two bought what was then a porn house on 16th Street and turned it into a viable, if occasionally (most of the time?) strapped-for-cash enterprise that weathered the onslaught of the VCR, the era of the blockbuster movie and (for those first few years) some of the most uncomfortable seats ever put into a theatre.

But, oh, that mix of films everyone this week has been hailing as "eclectic." The Roxie began as a repertory house (Mr. Evans always delighted in the fact that the theatre's first booking was Otto Preminger's loony Skidoo, starring Groucho Marx as God, a film apparently inspired by an acid trip the director took — along with everyone else — in the 1960s), but by the time Robert stopped attending to the busi-



Robert Evans, right, with filmmaker Curt McDowell, left, and

ness on a regular basis last year, the Roxie was playing a mix of first-run independent films and videos and a group of festivals along with revivals of film classics.

Many an independent film-maker has Robert and his vari-ous partners over the years, the most recent being Bill Banning, to thank for his or her first

Supported Gay Film

The Roxie under Robert supported the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival almost from the beginning. In early years Robert was on the festival's screening committee, and to say he gave Frameline a break on the theatre rental in those days would be an understate-

A regular fixture at the Roxie until he died of AIDS in 1987 was the great gay filmmaker Curt McDowell, Robert's long-time lover. McDowell's films, time lover. McDowell's films, Loads, Thundercrack, et al., played the theatre often. Robert took care of McDowell throughout his illness, holding a weekly "soiree" so that a weekly "soiree" so that friends could drop by and visit

the to-the-end social Curt.

One obituary listed Robert's son Bela as his only survivor (Robert is also survived by his mother and two brothers, who live outside the Bay Area. His sister Martha, to whom he was very close, lives in the East Bay), but of course that is only part of the story. He left a lot of us behind — friends, film-makers, his loyal associates at the Roxie, and the thousands of folks who have waved a Roxie card at the theatre's ticket takers over the years.

Robert's friends will remember him Thursday, June 14, 3 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St. The same minister who married Robert and Curt shortly before Curt's death will perform the

Each of Robert's friends holds a cherished image or two or more of him. I'll always remember Robert behind the Roxie concession counter get-ting ready to start the day, ting ready to start the pinky poised just a tad fevly in the air as he stirs too much sugar into mud-black coffee, a twinkle in his eye and a puckish smile on his face.

-Daniel Mangin

Lawless

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These are three powerful films. Seen together, they will have a profound effect on how you'll view freedom, and the implications of our system of discipline and punishment. I wish I had room here to tell

you more. To praise the actors, directors, and technicians in-dividually. The folks at Framelime went out on a political limb to put this series in the festival, and they deserve a lot of credit.

Our Western system of discipline and incarceration has been an area of our culture I've been able to ignore. Not any longer. The series left me with a heartache I need to tend to. ▼

Scrubbers June 17, 1 p.m. Prisonnieres June 17, 9:15 p.m. Caged June 18, 7p.m.





Adventures of a Gay Holden Caulfield

by Warren Sonbert

Rudolf Van den Berg's Evenings is a good film, a unique, professional and serious effort, although one that fails, ultimately, to satisfy as much as it ought to.

Frits is a young man who in 1946 Amsterdam spends a series of endless nights trapped in the claustrophobic lower-middle class turf of his family. The terrain is familiar from Terence Davies though it encompasses not nearly so original a vision. Instead, the Freudian symbols of Bergman and Dreyer seem to loom larger almost parodied — in the director's aesthetic baggage. And I wonder if the opening, a blatant lift — of jaw-dropping proportions — from Wild Strawberries, would even register as such to modern TV-bred audiences?

Frits is a gay Holden Caulfield; nimble, imaginative, observant and at odds with the conventional world around him. And it is one of the positive calling cards of this movie that so much of the character's gayness is taken for granted — and that he is given the stature of a genuine hero, of a noble, if quirky, identity figure for gay and straight audiences alike.

Conference on Gay Media

"Rules of Attraction," a conference on lesbian and gay media featuring the input of filmmakers, videomakers, critics and scholars takes place June 16 - 17 at 347 Dolores St. as part of the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.

The conference, say its organizers, will "reflect on developments in the field" of gay media, "exploring questions of audience and access," and will look "at changing critical models for work by lesbians and gay men... The focus will be on traditionally unrepresented sectors of the lesbian and gay media community: women, people of color, and experimental film/videomakers."

Participants include filmmakers Gregg Araki, Abigail Child, Jim Hubbard, videomakers Cecilia Dougherty, Richard Fung, Susana Munoz, Prahtibha Parma and Silvia Rhue, critic Martha Gever and critic/curator Liz Kotz, who organized the event.

ganized the event.

The five panel discussions that comprise "Rules of Attraction" are: "Feminist Theory/Lesbian Media: Rethinking Sexual Representation," June 16, 1 p.m.; "AIDS and Media, Strategies for the '90s," June 16, 3:30 p.m.; "Experimental Media/Gay Audiences: Working at the Edges," June 17, 11 a.m.; "Looking for Home: Lesbian and Gay Media Artists of Color," June 17, 2 p.m.; "Subcultural Stances, Mainstream Visibility: Lesbians and Gays in Media and Visual Arts," June 17, 4:30 p.m.

Admission to all panels is

Intelligent Gay's POV

I can't recall any American conventional narrative in history in which this was so. Just to have the world filtered through an intelligent homosexual's viewpoint is a stride of enormous significance. And to have that viewpoint and persona be so likable and perceptive and spiritually generous is a heartening experience.

The film is polished and dapper and knows where it's going. The stolid northern temperament takes a bit of getting used to, and some scenes are labored and too long. (Though I must report that the preview crowd was lapping it up. It might be a tremendous hit at the Castro.)

The problem — and for me it's a major one — is the resolution. For two full hours (!) we have been painfully experiencing dozens of scenes between the hero and his parents at

home in which their insufferable boorishness, mediocrity and closed mindedness gushes nonstop. Every outside scene alternates with a return to this hellhole of quicksand.

Even journeying out Frits usually confronts only tradition and claustrophobia (this movie is the antidote to the charms of the nuclear family). All elderly people in the film are reactionary, bigoted and ignorant — nary a one has wisdom, insight or a tempered existence. (OK, so I wasn't in Amsterdam in 1946 and maybe this was so.)

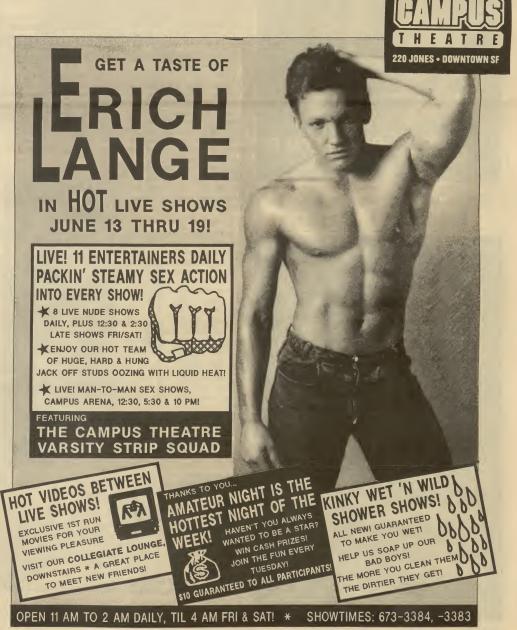
The film builds so to some kind of explosion/getaway but then nothing happens. Frits just remains cottage-bound and gagged, only taking pen to paper as the great artist. He swallows his revolutionary instincts to record the misery for posterity. The film has been nearing departure, blow up and rebellion and all the hero can do is transform it into the Great Dutch Novel, a tremendous letdown. This would be like having a version of Gaslight in which Ingrid Bergman decides to "stick it out" with Charles Boyer!



A Dutch youth is at odds with his world in Evenings.

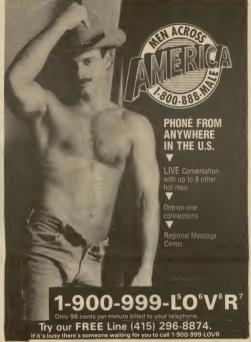
Maybe I can't stomach this bleak outlook and that's the very point. Decide for yourselves and go. ▼

Evenings June 20, 9 p.m. June 23, 3:30 p.m. Castro





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FILM FEST

'Paris Is Burning' and 'Comrades in Arms'

Real Life Past and Present

by Warren Sonbert

Two worthwhile documentaries grace the 14th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival: the smashing Paris Is Burning by Jennie Livingston and the more problematic Comrades in Arms by Stuart Marshall.

Marshall's shortish (50 minutes) survey of gay life dur-ing World War II among drafted and enlisted British men and women was originally made for London's Channel ly made for London's Channel Four as part of the legendary series Out on Tuesday. (How nice if our Yank PBS could be persuaded to program such pro-gay artistic overviews regularly.)

The film is meticulously photographed and knowingly paced. It basically consists of six intercut talking head subjects, four men and two women, and will no doubt rewonten, and win in doubt te-mind some of a limey Word Is Out. These gray, gay panthers must all be about 70 or older, and their wisdom, charm and magnetism give inspiration to a couple of generations of their gay progeny as to how well one can lead one's life.

Articulate and sharp, wistful and self-abnegating, they are all typically British in being deft raconteurs. You'll laugh, you'll cry at their genial spirit and modest bravery.

One wonderful man who performed in drag for much of the war for morale entertainments (the British must have their transvestites almost have their transvestites almost as steadily as their tea) is especially endearing, as another who helped build the bridge over the River Kwai (yes, Mr. Lean, there were gay men in that camp) is particularly touching. And while the film stays with them and believes in their charisma, all goes rippingly well. goes rippingly well.

Unintended Hoot

Unfortunately, the filmmakers feel hypnotic strength is not enough and inject (amidst some not unwelcome and to be expected period stock footage) "recreated" narrative se-quences that not only ring false but are also maladroitly ex-

Two sets each, a pair for men and a couple for women, are devoted to stilted recreations of come-on scenes between gay servicemen and women. (What is this politically correct obsession, by the way — like bacon 'n' eggs, or salt and pepper — about representational "fairness" when it comes to gay public works? Art isn't democratic or done by committees.)
The filmmaker undoubtedly thinks this is romantic, but it's just corny hogwash.

So in the humorless stiffupper-lip tradition (but not parodied) of Brief Encounter, we see a quartet of furtive runins at the barracks, in a park-ed jeep at night, before solo takeoff and in a hayloft (!). It's a hoot all right, but I'm afraid it's not meant to be.

There's no narrative or even functional use of these interruptions other than to try to feebly show the audience that the filmmaker has invested in some makeup and props. If one of them were intriguing or provocative rather than just so



Comrades in Arms surveys life for gays during World War II.

much batting eyelashes mush, I wouldn't be so hard on it. But not only are they inappropri-ate, shifting gears to cause this otherwise fascinating vehicle to come to a grinding halt, they're badly done.

Well, after that tirade, I still must stress that 80 percent of the film is eminently deserv-ing of your attention. After all, it accomplishes something that is rare enough in cinema: It sure makes a gay person feel great about him (or — ahem her) self



"Pepper," seated, and two gents doing "Executive Pose" in *Paris Is Burning*.

A Rage to Vogue

No qualms taint the enjoyment of *Paris Is Burning*. This is an inside look at the voguing balls that were all the rage in New York a few years back. Young gay men and women of color, economically disenfran-chised, would gather for endless evening hours in discos and clubs to strut their

Yearning towards the glamour of TV glossy soaps

and the haute couture of Parisian fashion salons, the would-be models parade before panels of judges in an orgy of exhibitionism. The categories in which the contestants comin which the contestants compete are as varied and wild as their attitudes: Schoolboy Realness or Butch Queen or Military Drag.

For anyone who's been lucky enough to attend one of these fetes in their heyday, the film is faithful to the theatrical grandeur. (Why did this never erupt in San Francisco? Are the minority gay communities here more fully integrated than their East Coast counter-

The filmmakers cannily interview a wide variety of drag queens (not the most reticent queens (not the most reticent or closedmouthed of folk), and you come to love them all. Not since Warhol's *The Chelsea Girls* have I been so taken and fascinated by such a gallery of real-life, stunningly etched characters. This is one movie you won't see on an airplane! Lessons in Lexicon

We are given lessons in the lexicon and pragmatic use of such au courant terms as Reading (as in one's beads), Shade, Mopping (shoplifting) et al. Never is condescension demonstrated as a journalistic tool (something not to be taken for granted) or exploitation used as a cheap, titillating plat-

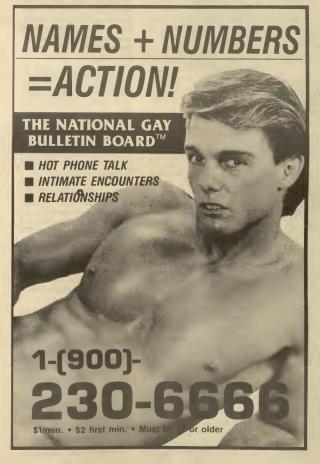
form. There's a devastating portrait of one Xtravaganza — a fragile yet resilient queen whose buoyancy and heartbreaking dreams are a testament to human tenacity against all odds. Her treatment is the epitome of effective cinematic technique.

Finally, all I can do is to urge you to see this wonderful film, probably the most accessible and hilarious and moving work in the festival.

work in the festival.

Comrades in Arms June 20, 4:30 p.m. June 21, 6:30 p.m. Paris Is Burning June 16, 8:30 p.m. June 19, 4 p.m. Cestro







Greenberg's 'Eastern Standard'

Period Piece

t seems impossible that a two-year-old play could already be a period piece, but Richard Greenberg's East-ern Standard stands out as a sterling example of '80s con-sciousness even before the '90s have defined themselves.

AIDS, the homeless, yuppie AIDS, the homeless, yuppie burnout and urban romance all get caught in the crossfire of Greenberg's snappy Manhatan dialogue, with its unmistakable gay sensibility. But familiarity does not always breed contempt, and this new production at the Magic Theatre makes for a worthwhile evening. evening

In the brief first act, two yuppie couples (one gay, one straight) connect at an uptown restaurant. Phoebe, a stock-broker on the rebound, arrives with her brother Peter, a telewith her brother Peter, a television producer recently diagnosed with AIDS. Dining nearby are Stephen, an architect fleeing a job he hates, and his friend Drew, a successful New York artist. After a rangous argument involving a raucous argument involving a bag lady and a waitress, the two couples meet, change partners, and exit the restaurant with a new companion.

A lengthy second act provides for the destruction and reconstruction of relationships-in-progress at Stephen's Fire Island beach house. Peter discovers he can't keep his illness a secret from the world, and his sister Phoebe decides to end a co-dependent relation-ship with her ex-lover.

As the two siblings fall in love with Drew and Stephen, respectively, they learn about compassion and hope. The catalytic converters for this catalytic converters for this process are Ellen, the waitress cum actress, and May the bag lady, who both arrive at the beach house for an extended

No Soan

No Soap

The general level of the performances in Eastern Standard and the quality of the dialogue keep things from descending into soap opera. Victor Talmadge's Stephen is appropriately high-minded, if a bit constipated, and his love interest, Phoebe, is nicely portrayed by Amy Resnick. In the role of Ellen, Stacey Jack provides pizzazz and personality, creating an engaging actress? creating an engaging actress/ waitress with a social worker/ comedienne complex.

Pat Parker's bag lady is less successful, especially in the first act when her insane babblings come across as entirely too self-conscious and premeditated. Director Albert Takazauckas should have steered her in another direction.

Hector Correa, badly miscast in the role of Drew, is Takazauckas' undoing. Blessed with some of the play's best lines, Correa is unable to conwey the piercing intellect and social sophistication they require. Most of the time, he sounds like he's reading someone else's part.

Holding it all together is Patrick Stretch's outstanding portrayal of Peter. As an actor, he consistently makes all the right choices. Stretch creates the quintessential gay Manhat-tanite of the '80s — pretty, spoiled and totally self-contained

With his AIDS diagnosis, however, Peter is emotionally paralyzed. He finds himself unprepared to move forward, yet unable to retreat into the yet unable to retreat into the false security of the old days, when men mated 'like little magnets that click.' Stretch does a remarkable job of gradually revealing the vulnera-bility beneath Peter's shell of fear, intellect and false bravado.



to r.) Patrick Stretch and Hector Correa in a scene from Richard Greenberg's Eastern Standard.

Beautiful Production

The sound design by Earwax nicely complements Kurt Landisman's lighting. But John Bonard Wilson's sets and Kate Irving's costum design are nothing less than perfection. This is one of the most beautifully designed and mounted productions of the season. The trendy uptown restaurant of Act I is suggested by abstract columns that flicker in different colors under the lights. A minimalist table arrangement complements Irvitation of the colors are a statement of the colors and the colors are a statement of the colors and the colors are a statement of the colors and the colors are a state ing's strictly business wardrobe in the first act.

In Act II, the planks of Stephen's Fire Island deck

curl up naturally from the sun, while an abstract backdrop simultaneously suggests the best modern art, a beach towel and all the colors of a summer afternoon. Dressed in flowing whites and pastels, the actors pass in front of the backdrop, pass in front of the backgrop, creating striking stage pictures that counterbalance the in-creasing ugliness and hostility of this particular summer.

With Eastern Standard, playwright Greenberg pre-sents all the issues that sent the '80s into history as a decade of change and seemingly insoluble problems. His characters choose hope, in spite of appearances, but their optimism may well seem naive

Watching them decide to live "in the moment," you can't help but wonder how long their resolve will last. When larger solutions, devoutly sought, do not materialize from the process, will they are again become disillue. once again become disillusioned?

Two years later, the same characters in the same situa-tions would probably make different choices. But by watching ourselves in this mir-ror once-removed, we can draw our own conclusions about where we are now, both individually and collectively; where we were; and where we seem to be headed.

Eastern Standard Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason, through July 22 441-8822

Robert Pitman Passes Away

Following a lengthy illness, Robert Pitman died of AIDS in peace and surrounded by friends at his home, on Friday June 1. He was 49.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Sept. 20, 1940, Pitman enjoyed a lengthy career in the theatre, and spent more than a decade working in New York as an ac-

tor and eventually as stage manager.

Pitman was stage manager for the first American tour of Grotowski's Polish Theatre Lab, and the Broadway productions of Jesus Christ Superstar, and the Angela Lansbury revival of Gypsy.

Settling in San Francisco, Settling in Sain Francisco, Pitman turned to directing, and won a Cable Car award for his Theatre Rhinoceros pro-duction of Arthur Laurents' The Enclave.

At Theatre Rhinoceros, he At Theatre Rhinoceros, he directed the West Coast premiere of Tennessee Williams' Vieux Carre, and the San Francisco premiere's of Jim Pickett's one act monologues, Dream Man, and Bathhouse Benediction. At 544 Natoma, in 1983, Pitman drew upon his Grotowski skills developing an ensemble per-formance piece from Oscar Wilde's "Ballad of Reading

His play *Passing*, which depicted a bedside vigil and the reconciliation of a dying man's family with his lover, was produced at Theatre Rhi-noceros early in 1989, earned various awards and a nomina-tion as Best New Script by the Bay Area Critic's Circle.

In 1989, Theatre Rhinoceros presented Pitman with an award for A Life of Outstanding Achievement in the Thea-

He was also a volunteer with Shanti Project and Project Open Hand.

Pitman is survived by his loving parents, Claude and Ellen, his brothers and sister, David, Michael and Patricia, and by his lover Bob Darchi.

Following his wishes, there will be no memorial. Pitman's ashes will be scattered in his home state. —JFK

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Experimental

film by Constantine Giannaris recalls Isaac Julien's Looking 101 Langston in its iess than direct approach to its subject.

Giannaris has a keen eye for classy images, but unfortunately he hasn't the slightest idea how to fold in the text. Biographical information about Cavafy that would be interesgraphical information about Cavafy that would be interes-ting enough accompanying a less striking set of visuals, as delivered here is cloyingly literal and downright dull. Conversely, when Giannaris gives us visuals to go along with Cavafy's poetry, particularly about male love, the pictures pale in that queasy-making way a too-literal MTV spot can diminish a promising set of lyrics.

Cavafy will doubtless be served better in the future — his life and work are too fascinating not to capture some other gay filmmaker's fancy. In the meantime there is *Trojans*, which, the above flaws aside, does offer an intriguing glimpse of a man whose chief pas-sions were "history and flesh."

New Experimental Short Films June 17, 3 p.m. Castro

Performance Textures

by Steve Abbott

Reith Hennessy is one of San Francisco's most radical and engaging performance artists. I mean, who can't dig a handsome guy with a hot bod who dances under freeways and lists his rent as \$245 a month in his program.

Before Keith began Saliva and Sacred Boy at New College last Friday, he chatted informally with the audience. "If you keep breathing, it's easier to express yourself," he said. (Keith has an engaging sense of humor, too.)

The audience was encouraged to sing together at certain points and, if you were so moved, to ask Hennessy to repeat sections of his performance. Everyone seemed eager to oblige and join in the ritual.

Saliva (Act One: Dad) is a sixpart "lecture." The parts I recall are father, lineage, why I'm an anarchist, body fluids and male bonding. In each section, Keith recites poems, journal entries and opinions of various sorts in a variety of voices (child, teacher, etc.). As he does so, he counterpoints (or substitutes) mimed physical gestures with his text.

Rich Presentation

The irony of different voices (personal/confused versus public/authoriatian) and the gestural counterpointing make a richly layered presentation. The fact that the audience can interact keeps things feeling spontaneous and makes this an audience-centered work.

A particularly effective scene is where Hennessy goes into a high-pitched nerdy voice and says, "This is my real voice." The point is, as men, we all fear letting the scared, silly sides of ourselves show. We want to be tough. This scene dovetailed nicely with what Hennessy said in his anarchist rap about ours being "a culture of disappearance," where we fear connection and vulnerability. There were several strong moments like this, but the show's overall structure meandered, dissipitating the power of these charged moments.

At intermission, we were encouraged to examine Jack Davis' woven shawls, penises and altar. Two of the shawls incorporate gay men's body fluids. "Remember when our body fluids could heal?" Keith asks later on. It's a good question, but nothing is done with it dramatically.

Nothing is done with the altar set either, or with the six scrolls hanging on the wall which cite Hennessy's lineage of influences (Lucas Hoving, The Living Theater, Robert Bly, James Broughton, etc.). If you have an altar for your set, you should break bread on it, sacrifice someone on it, fuck on it or something; otherwise, it's as dead as a museum.

Preachy Point

Sacred Boy explores possible themes for male bonding. Hennessy's point here is that young men today are violent and self-destructive because of a lack of initiation rites. Well, that may be, but Hennessy's attempt to manufacture some for our vicarious consumption struck me as a bit precious if not preachy.

Indeed, I began to feel Hennessy was starting to shove his belief system down my throat, perhaps an unintended parallel to his earlier reading of a porn text where a boy is initiated by being forced to suck a huge cock in public. In either case, one suffers a gag reflex.

Hennessy's best known as a dancer (he also performs with Contraband), and his Saturday night performance at the 1800 Square Foot Benefit was more powerful for its absence of text. Hennessy has a genius for conveying a great deal with very little outward bodily movement. He can make his body twitch like William Burroughs' face does when he reads.

Dominating Text

But when you use text, it has to be a text at least equally as interesting as the other performance elements. The overall structure should be simple and clear with no one element predominating as Hennessy's text does in his New College show.

It's certainly possible to integrate text, theater and dance — Joe Goode does brilliantly at it, for instance — but to do so, all the elements must blend. If you use a self-righteous text, then you have to counterpoint it with humor, irony or gestures that critique what the words say. Sacred Boy hasn't attained this degree of integration yet.

tion yet.

Since I've mentioned the 1800 Square Feet Benefit, I'd like to conclude with some other performances there that used text well: Lisa Palty's songs, Miss Betty Pearl and Giamoretta Rampage's skit and Lex Lonehood's performance rap. Here text is the performance, but the texts were not one-dimensional or preachy. They took in many voices that counterpointed each other.

Amy Ester Fisher and Julie Regan's "site" performance had some strong elements, too. Out of a primordial soup of groaning alienation, the performers merge into song at points, at one point playing pipes on metal police barricades, making urban alienation into a kind of Moroccan funeral chant. I didn't always



Keith Hennessy

(Photo: Glen Caley Bachmann)

understand what this work was about, either, but song has its own raison d'etre. And the concluding image of Regan climing a robe ladder and reaching for Fisher's ghostly face on the other side of the

skylight was hauntingly effective — image as song.

Keith Hennessy New College, June 14 and 15 558-8821



Shades

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him to resort to the violence of "wilding."

Honored by the Moon and Her Giveaway are part of the same program and give us a glimpse into the rarely documented world of Native American lesbians and gay men. Honored by the Moon was almost entirely produced at a conference for American Indian gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals as well as their friends and supporters.

This video gives us a new perspective on their lives, with stories of the evolution of the position of gay men and lesbians in the Native American community (from one of special reverence to one of disdain after exposure to the teachings of the European conquerors and their missionaries) and the subsequent fight to reclaim their honored position among their people.

Her Giveaway is about one American Indian lesbian's experience in overcoming drug addiction and discovering that she has AIDS. Giveaway is part informational AIDS video, part testament to one woman's survival with AIDS. Carol LaFarou talks about her supportive relationships with her lover, daughter, friends, and doctor and how she deals with AIDS from a Native American perspective by combining both Western and American Indian medicinal approaches to her disease.

approaches to her disease.

Also on the same program are Affirmations and Memory Pictures. Affirmations, which was unavailable for preview, is the latest work by Marlon Riggs. Memory Pictures was written and directed by Pratibha Parmar, an Indian-British videomaker who lives in London. This beautiful documentary uses the life and work of gay (East) Indian photographer Sunil Gupta as a focus from which it expands to explore literal "memory pictures" of what it means to be gay, Indian, and caught between two very different cultures.

Parmar uses Gupta's work to share his life in an interracial relationship. Through his pictures and the story he weaves about his life, we meet his family and his lover. An omnipresent female narrator guides us through Gupta's life as an outsider, caught between two disparate worlds, who must face issues of being different and finding a place to belong. A wonderful score of electronically manipulated Indian music and found noise combined with some beautiful still photography make this an extraordinarily evocative video that really does conjure up the dream-like memory pictures of its title.

Parmar also directed Flesh and Paper, a look at Indian lesbian poet Suniti Namjoshi, who through her writing works lesbian themes into a complex picture of Indian culture. Flesh and Paper is part of "Out on Tuesday" program No. 3, June 23, 6 p.m., at the Roxie.

Latino Male Sexuality

Meridad Proscrita is part of the "Art for Boys and Girls" program June 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Roxie. It is a radiant, but melancholy, sepia-toned love story of Latino male sexuality and machismo that will remind some of Gus Van Sant's Mala Noche. It depicts the relationship between a Latino male hustler and the gay Latino man who loves him (but longs for a more mutually fulfilling relationship). It was directed by Raul Ferrera-Balanquet and Enrique Novelo Cascante.

Untitled is a short dance video (originally shown as part of the PBS series "Alive From Off Center") featuring black dancer/choreographer Bill T. Jones. It will be shown at the Roxie June 23, at 4:30 p.m. as part of the program headlined by Charles Atlas' film of the Michael Clark dance performance Because We Must.

Untitled is longe' poignostly.

Untitled is Jones' poignantly loving tribute to lover and creative partner Arnie Zane who died of AIDS in 1988. Jones and Zane's dance company was one of the few in America to perform dances with an explicitly gay or homoerotic sensibility. This is an incredibly moving and touching piece in which Jones reveals the pain, sorrow and yearning of a man struggling with AIDS and the loss of someone who has died from AIDS.

Dreams of Passion is part of the "New Lesbian Short Films" program at the Castro on June 17, at 5 p.m. and June 21, at 4 p.m. Dreams of Passion (which was unavailable for preview) is reported to be a



Poet Suniti Namjoshi, left, with Pratibha Parmar, director of Flesh and Paper.

brief, but expressive, performance of love and desire between two black women.

There are several other films and videos by and about gay men and lesbians of color in the film festival this year. Paris Is Burning by Jennie Livingstone is a feature-length documentary which explores the world of New York City's black and Hispanic, fashion and drag "House" balls where vogueing, the latest dance craze "discovered" and made mainstream by Madonna, has been taking place since the late 1960s. Paris is Burning shows at the Castro, June 16 at 8:30 p.m. and June 19, at 4 p.m.

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I Am a Man, an adaptation of Mart Crowley's play The Boys in the Band from Thailand, was directed by M.L. Bhandevanop. Except for the opening, it is fairly faithful to the original, though Crowley's queens here become drag queens. The look of this film, which screens at the Castro June 18 at 9:15 p.m., and June 20 at 2 p.m., is distinctly "low tech."

"Looking for My Penis," at the Roxie June 20 at 6:30 p.m., is a program on the eroticized Asian in gay video porn. The focus here is on the work of Sum Yong Mahn, one of the few Asian gay porn stars. Richard Fung, a Chinese Canadian videomaker born in Trinidad, will give this illustrated talk which examines the way in which Asian men have figured in porn and explores the ideology beneath this imagery.

In Is That All There Is to the Greenhouse Effect?, local cabaret lounge act star Connie Champagne dramatically and heartrendingly asks that same question. This short satire was directed by Esther Koohan Paik and is part of the "Fun for Boys and Girls" video program to be shown at the Roxie June 22 at 10:30 p.m.

Not to be forgotten is "Looking for Home: Lesbian and Gay Media Artists of Color," a panel discussion which will be held on June 17 at 2 p.m. at 347 Dolores Street (between 16th and 17th).

The panel is part of "Rules of Attraction: a Conference on Lesbian and Gay Media."

Looking for My Penis is a program on the eroticized Asian in gay porn.

Some topics to be discussed include how lesbians and gay men of color navigate the complex connections and borders between different communities, audiences and aesthetics; how their work changes our vision of gay media and gay identities; and how lesbian and gay media organizations can better serve black, Latino and Asian audiences and artists.

Panelists include Silvia Rhue, media chair for the Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum; Pratibha Parmar, an Indian videomaker; Richard Fung, a Chinese Canadian videomaker; Susana Munoz, an Argentinian filmmaker; and Cornelius Moore, director of the Southern Africa Media Project.

Nocturne

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ed by the presence of young Marguerite's tutor. Marguerite has clung to this dynamic, never having examined or abandoned it.

This is Chamberlain's second mainstream effort, and she drew her team of actors and technicians from those with extensive film and television experience.

"Most of the women had never been involved in a feminist project before," said Chamberlain in a recent interview, "as all their acting had been mainstream. They were all saying that they weren't getting interesting character parts, and they were thrilled to be doing the parts in Nocturne." She then added, "I

thought some of them might be wary, playing a lesbian and all. They weren't. They just wanted the interesting roles."

A Feminist Film

If feminism strips away social veneer to get at the true dynamics of social interaction, Nocturne is a feminist film. The movie slowly builds up all the layers of that veneer — the English mistress/servant dynamic; the relationship between the rising working class of the '50s and the decaying bourgeousie of the time; women as sexual partners; women as co-conspirators; women as teacher and student, mother and daughter.

All these are set in motion, spinning dizzyingly to an orgiastic climax of madness, cloaked in the seductive beauty of self-indulgence. Past meets present. The dynamics are revealed, and wholeness is achieved.

"To me," smiles Chamberlain, "it's like five years of psychotherapy condensed into 24 hours."

The acting is uniformly flawless — Chamberlain treats her minor characters with as much love and attention as she does her principals. No single character is used as the land-scape for any other — each has their own life. The editing is seamless. The pacing runs from almost hypnotically slow at the outset, racing to a more rapidly-cut montage as the film nears its climax.

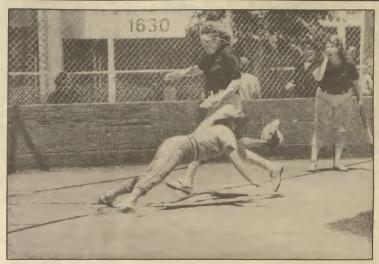
The director welcomes us to participate in Marguerite's journey. The film's silences beckon us to join her in her introspective reveries. And once we've done that, we've been lured into the process of reverie, seduction, madness, and healing that is *Nocturne*.

Nocturne
June 15, 10 p.m.
June 23, 2 p.m.
Castro



Bay Area Reporter

Sports & Fitness



Out at home base in the Galleon vs. Amelia's/Women's Travelers softball game. The Galleon won 9-3.

Field of Nightmares

Jackson Field is normally a favorite field among Gay Soft-ball League teams, but this past Sunday, it became a field of nightmares for many who were bitten by the upset bug or had to hang on against under-dog opponents to prevail.

Two of the upsets occurred in the B Division. Cafe Sn Marcos used the strong pitching performance of Len Broberg and a six-run fourth inning to hand Uncle Bert's Brats their second loss of the season 6-3. The other upset in the division saw the Pilsner Pistons knock off the injury-depleted Rainbow 'Roos 10-8. Kevin Schwabe paced the Pistons with a single, a double, and a home run.

Even division leader Rolo Even division leader Rolo was tested. The Corral squandered many opportunities, though, which allowed Rolo to escape for the second straight week 13-7. In the nightcap of their doubleheader, Rolo survived again when some bad Stud Puppy base running kept a tiebreaking run from scoring. Later a Rolo three-run homer broke the close contest. In the final B Division game of the day, the Stud scored three late runs to come back and defeat the Cafe Cruisers and hold on to third place in the division.

Galleon Women Triumph

The Galleon Women gained a share of first place in the Women's Division as they, for the second straight week, upset Amelia's and the Women's Traveller 9-2. The Galleon Women were lead offensively and defensively by third baseman Judy Salas. The Cafe Sn Marcos Women earned their third win of the season 7-0 over Athenia Electric in the only other Women's Division

The SF Eagle came ever so close to garnering their first A Division win of the season as they extended the Pilsner Penguins to nine innings before dropping a 16-15 decision. The Eagle built a 9-2 lead before their pitcher, Marc Cole, developed control problems, allowing the Penguins to climb back into the game.

Entering the bottom of the seventh, the Eagle still clung to a one-run lead, but with two a one-run lead, but with two out, a Pilsner base hit tied the score to send the game into extra innings. After a scoreless eighth, the Penguins were able to take advantage of an Eagle miscue to put the winning run on third with no out in the ninth. After walking the next two batters to load the bases to set up a force at each base, the next Penguin batter lined the next Penguin batter lined the first pitch for a base hit to dash the Eagle's upset hopes.

In the nightcap of their doubleheader, the Pilsner again saw themselves fall beagain saw themselves fall behind early, but this time, their opponent, the Pendulum, didn't allow them to get up off the carpet. The Pirates iced the Penguins to take over second place in the A Division by percentage points. Uncle Bert's-(Sweet Inspiration Bombers, after cruising for most of the early part of the season, were tested for the second contested for the second con-secutive game before besting the Rawhide II 12-6.

The C Division was the only division lacking an upset or near upset, but it was not withnear upset, but it was not without an exciting game of its own. The Rainbow 'Toos, down by two runs in the bottom of the seventh, rallied for three runs to score a 7-6 come-from-behind victory over Group Therapy. Wayne Garret knocked in the winning run for the 'Toos.

The other division games were more according to form, as the division leading OCC/Pendulum Bucs defeated OCC/Pendulum Bucs defeated Cassidy's Cabinettes. The second place team, Hot 'n' Hunky/The Mint, scored an easy win over Rossi's Meats Rookies. The Burgermen's pitcher, Bob Hartman, deserves lots of credit for pitching his team to victory with stitches in his back after a recent run-in with an attacker's knife while on natrol with the Guardian on patrol with the Guardian

This weekend is leather weekend in the G.S.L., with two league events scheduled for the SF Eagle. Friday night, the G.S.L. will host the Mr./Ms. G.S.L. Leather Contest and Beer Bust. The beer bust will begin at 8 p.m., and the contest follows at 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. The beer bust and the show together are \$7. Food will be served at the beer bust. Come out and see the many hunks and hunkesses in another form of uniform. For more contest information, contact Len Broberg. This weekend is leather Broberg.

Broberg.

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m., the G.S.L. will host its June league meeting on the patio of the Eagle. All league members are encouraged to attend. Also, keep Saturday, July 7, open, as this is the day that Shanti Project will host "A Day at the Ballpark." The Giants take on the Chicago Cubs, with a percentage of the tickets going to help Shanti. More details to follow at the league meeting follow at the league meeting

This week all G.S.L. games are to be played at Rossi Field (Turk and Arguello streets).

GSL STANDINGS

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Pilsner Penguins	06	05	05	
Rawhide II Ranch	05	06	06	
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B DIVISION				
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TEAM	W	L	GB		
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U.B. Brats	07	02	02		
Stud Puppies	06	04	031/2		
Cafe Sn. Marcos	04	06	051/2		
Rainbow Roos	03	06	06		
Pilsner Pistons	02	06	061/2		
Corral	01	08	08		

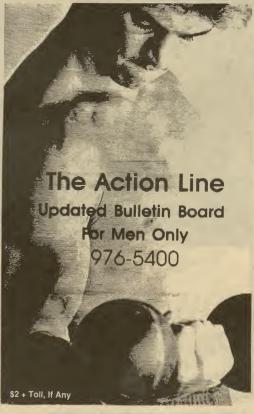
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Rossi's Meats Rookies	05	04	04	
Cassidy's Cabinettes	03	06	06	
Rainbow 'Toos	02	07	07	
Group Therapy	01	08	08	

WOMEN'S DIVISION			
TEAM	W	L	GB
Amelia's/Women's			
TrvIr.	07	02	_
Galleon Women	07	02	_
Cafe Sn. Marcos	03	06	04
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Facing The Vancouver Challenge

A bi Jeung is a 36-year-old physical therapist, who will be going to Vancouwill be playing to vancou-ver this August to compete in her second Gay Games. Jeung will be playing tennis in the over-35 category of the singles, doubles and mixed doubles competition.

Currently Team San Francisco's co-chair and sports rep. for tennis, Jeung taught herself to play the game when she was 12-years-old. Her Chinese parents were not enthusiastic about the time she spent on the tennis courts away from home.

athlete developed a stress frac-ture in her hip that put her on crutches for three months and crushed her hopes of competing in the marathon.

While on crutches, Jeung While on crutches, Jeung swam to maintain her conditioning. Six weeks before the Games, she was able to shed the crutches and start a walking program to get her legs strong enough to handle the stress of being on the tennis court. She took the silver medal in the open doubles division.



Abi Jeung is on her way to Gay Games III.

"It's all the excitement I experienced during Gay Games II that has kept me looking forward to these Games. It'll be exciting to go away and see what another country has to offer.

Despite this lack of encouragement, she persisted. "It was something I wanted to do so I just went ahead and played,"

In December 1985, Jeung, who had been running since 1981, saw a booth for Gay Games II at a women's crafts Games II at a women's crafts fair and got information about the marathon. She also contemplated taking her tennis rackets out of the closet. Unfortunately, in March 1986, the

Though she is not out to her parents or at her place of work, Jeung says, "With all the ex-citement of participating, I told some of my co-workers and got tremendous support. Some came out to watch me compete!"

Polished Player This competitor believes she is a more polished player now than she was at the last Games. She has been competing in the Northern California Tennis Association for the past three years and has been involved with the Gay Tennis Federation (GTF).

Among her many awards are the 1987 Player of the Year Award from the Gay Tennis Federation, a 1988 Cable Car Award for tennis and a 1989 Apex Award. Jeung trains by running three times a week, working out with weights three times a week and playing tennis four times a week in practice drills or tournaments.

"It's all the excitement I experienced during Gay Games II that has kept me looking for-ward to these Games. It'll be ward to these Games. It'll be exciting to go away and see what another country has to offer and see what the Canadian gay and lesbian population is like. I anticipate the participation of athletes from many countries and expect the Games will have a more international flavor"

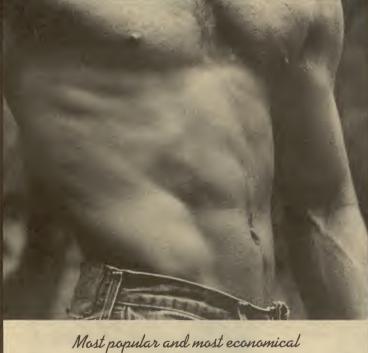
Bringing Back the Gold

As for her opinion on competition versus participation, Jeung maintains that within a competitive state an athlete can still work towards excall still work towards ex-cellence in their own way at whatever level. "Every athlete is accomplishing some goal as far as their participation in the

Much of Jeung's own participation in tennis in the gay community is with the Gay

Tennis Federation, sponsors of the U.S. Gay Open, the oldest openly gay tournament in the country. The GTF just had their 10th annual open.

In 1987 this athlete played in her first Gay Open, took the open doubles and was runnerup in the open singles. Last year she played in the open singles and the open singles and the open doubles. This year she is in better shape and very excited about the challenge of going to Van-



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Physique '90 at Herbst

Kathy Perkins and Phill Barber will compete in Physique '90: The National Gay and Lesbian Bodybuilding Championships which moves to Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave. this year. The event, featuring many athletes who will compete in Gay Games Ill in August, takes place Saturday, June 23. Preliminary competition begins at 9 a.m., with admission to that event \$5. The finals start at 7 p.m., with tickets priced at \$35, \$20 and \$15. Tickets are available through STBS and BASS, by phone at 552-3656, and at the door.

GLTF 20th Anniversary Dinner and Dance

The 20th anniversary dinner dance of the Social Respondance of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Gay and Lesbian Task Force (GLTF) is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 6 p.m.-midnight at the Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., during the annual conference of the American Library Association (ALA). Barbara Gittings, founder of GLTF, will be the keynote speaker. GLTF Book Awards will be presented to Neil Miller, author of In Search of Gay America: Women and Men in a Time of Change, and to David Feinberg, author of Eighty-Sixed. An award for Excellent Achievement in Literature will Achievement in Literature will be presented to Armistead Maupin. The \$25 tickets may be purchased June 21-22 at the ALA meal ticket desk located at McCormick Place Mezzanine Level, North Hall.

Tenth Annual IGBO's **Pleasant Results**

by Jerry R. De Young

over the Memorial Day Weekend, the 10th Annual International Gay Bowling Organization (IGBO) tournament took place in Los Angeles. The highly competitive four-person (mixed) teams event of this bowling extravaganza was held in the

hospitable atmosphere of Panorama Bowl; the singles and doubles segments were held in the equally pleasant Sports Center Bowl.

There were 588 bowlers and 147 teams participating. The entering averages, scores, and placements of the San Francisco bowlers were as follows:

					All Events
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	Hunter Bauman (179)	(8) 638	(132) 660	(113) 472	(96) (71) 1770
		(139)	(32)	(138)	(367) (106)
	Russ Beck (187)	603 (303)	553 (94)	505 (141)	1661 (539) (129)
	Mike Bulawit (177)	631	647	599	1877
	Dan Burley (181)	(166) 586	(48) 643	(86) 524	(107) (36) 1753
		(386)	(32)	(138)	(392) (106)
	Donald Choy, Jr. (157)	575 (447)	535 (156)	615 (138)	1725 (447) (106)
	Bruce Clevenger (194)	554 (516)	604 (62)	485 (89)	1643 (553) (56)
i	Pat Conlon (173)	665	628	543	1836
		(62)	(90)	(84)	(206) (32)
	Vince Dicolla (184)	589 (367)	581 (183)	527 (141)	1697 (501) (129)
ĺ	David Frank (175)	650 (100)	619 (90)	609 (84)	1878
i	Donald Fritsche (175)	636	637	521	1794
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1	Don George (184)	663 (69)	552 (134)	624 (113)	1839 (192) (71)
	Kevin Keefer (170)	575 (447)	578	546	1699 (495) (14)
	Johnathan Lee (146)	582	(191) 692	(26) 535	(495) (14) 1809
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	Robert Montalvo (160)	630 (172)	588 (142)	638 (51)	1856 (147) (30)
ı	Russell Palmer (160)	623 (206)	671 (152)	515 (138)	1809 (260) (106)
1	John Parry (167)	591	546	587	1724
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ı	Randy Poupard (163)	550 (528)	511 (259)	551 (53)	1612 (567) (78)
	Doug Quick (143)	518 (575)	554 (273)	590 (79)	1662 (538) (131)
	Ron Raimondi (155)	585	591	504	1680
١	Frank Romero (154)	(391) 611	(113) 562	(79) 603	(523) (131) 1776
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١	Ken Sayles (171)	698 (16)	659 (156)	601 (53)	1958 (25) (78)
l	Kevin Schwabe (213)	557	643	608	1808
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	Hugh Smith (181)	620 (218)	610 (183)	546 (141)	1776 (349) (129)
	Adrian Stenson (150)	607	661	530	1798
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ACT UP Benefit at Townsend

The evening will include special acoustic appearances by: Sister Double Happiness, Enrique, 4 Non-Blondes and the Jackson Saints, with tantalizing spots by Diviana Ingravallo, Suzy Berger and Philip Horvitz. DJ's Tom Sibley

(from the Oasis) and Lewis and Mike (from Chaos and Uranus) will keep the dance floor high-stepping. A \$7 donation at the door helps keep ACT UP acting up. Townsend is located at 177 Townsend, between 2nd and 3rd streets, June 20, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.



Before the congregation of bowlers from the U.S. and Canada dispersed to return to their home cities, a solemn cer-emony was conducted beside the silent pale blue waters of the pool at the Beverly Hills Hilton to honor those IGBO members who are no longer with us. This ritual was particularly appropriate when one considers that Los Angeles is the place where the IGBO was conceived back in 1981.

Ron Keel, IGBO president,

presided over the emotionally charged occasion. One of the four panels, which together contain the names of 34 IGBO members who are no longer with us, was displayed. Among others, Bill Gall and Jay Merriman, both SF bowlers, were honored on the first panel. The other three panels will be completed by a dedicated group in Texas, using funds, pertinent personal information and material contributed by gay bowling leagues across the U.S. and Canada. The four presided over the emotionally

IGBO panels will eventually become a part of the national quilt.

The 1990 Los Angeles International Gay Bowling Organization tournament was not only a resounding success in fulfilling its stated objective of promoting unity, fellowship and communication, it also succeeded admirably in recognizing the huge debt we owe our departed loved ones who have left us so many precious memories. cious memories.



Where Do We Go From Here?

by Winston Mathis

Earlier this month, epresentatives from San Francisco were TSF's co-chair Susan Kennedy of the Slammers basketball team and this writer. Representing and this writer. Representing their respective communities were members of Team Toron-to, Team Denver, Team New York, Team Seattle, Team Sydney, Team San Diego as well as past and present hosts and organizers of Gay Games.

and organizers of Gay Ganles.

The Federation, which is the governing body for all Gay Games, met to promote the principles and ideals of the Games and to select the site for the 1994 Games. The announcement of the site selection will be made at closing tion will be made at closing ceremonies of Gay Games III this August.

This year, Gay Games III will be the largest multi-sports event held anywhere in the world during 1990. Vancouver organizers reported the registration of 6,500 athletes from 20 countries, including a volleyball team from Pakistan. When all the registrations are finally totaled, the number of competing athletes is expected to reach 6,700.

Athletes from across the U.S. will join athletes from Zimbabwe, Poland, Norway and Papua, New Guinea to make Gay Games III a truly international event. As gay com-

munities around the world become more organized and express interest in hosting the Games, it is certain that one day the Games will be held off the North American continent and most certainly off the West

It is therefore important that It is therefore important that sports groups start thinking toward the future. As the birthplace of the Gay Games, San Francisco has a duty to make a strong cohesive representation wherever the Games are held. The legacy that Dr. Tom Waddell has left us is a treasure that must be preserved. The Federation of Gay Games is made up of in-Games is made up of in-dividuals from the gay com-munity's sports groups dedicated to the preservation of the Games and the principles they represent.

As the Games grow and gain more credibility, so does the gay community. It would be very shortsighted of us to let very shortsighted of us to let such a powerful vehicle for building pride in our com-munities fall apart. With world wide participation evident this year, the Games have pro-moted unity, cooperation and a positive identification for all gay men and women. San Francisco will be represented in Gay Games III, but slightly divided. This year there will be 500-plus athletes marching into the B.C. stadium at Open-ing Ceremonies identified as members of Team San Francisco by their blue TSF war-mups. There will be another



Where will we go after Vancouver?

200 or so marching behind this contingent not identified as members of Team San

This situation should not oc-cur in 1994. San Francisco has probably the most organized grass roots Gay Sports group around the world. Team San Francisco is the pattern that other sports groups are follow-ing. The members of Team San Francisco should be pro-San Francisco should be pro-ud of their commitment and organization. This support must not stop with the closing of Gay Games III. Where do we go from here? Who knows... but let's be there!

Stay Informed with the B.A.R

Sports Calendar

Practice on Sundays, 6-8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. Tony, 621-2710.

Tavern Guild Bowling League
For info call Mal, 752-2366.
SF Women's Business Bowling League

Sundays at 6 p.m. at Park Bowl, 1855 Haight. Ann, 337-6721.

Rock Climbers For info call Chris. (209) 294-1527

Golden Gate Wrestling Club

Tuesday & Friday practices, 7-9 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Gene, 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club

All wrestling forms and styles, all ages and weights welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721.

Bay Area Boxing Club

Saturday bi-weekly workouts. Greg, 255-7361, or Ty, 346-5691.

SF Women's Flag Football

Sunday, June 17: League games at the Polo Field, Golden Gate Park at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Michelle, 563-4722.

Sunday, June 17: Men's football practice at 2:30 p.m. at McAteer High School. Bernard, 824-7048.

Sundays, 8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Mike, 626-4743.

Gav Volleyball

Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school yard at 18th St. & Deharo. All welcome, even beginners. Jay, 864-0257.

Gay Softball League For info call Len, 864-3220

Bay Area Racquetball Club Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Schoeber's Athletic Club, South SF. All skill levels welcome. Wref, 626-7758.

Gay Tennis Federation For info call Michael, 431-1721.

Birds of a Feather Badminton

ondays, 7-9 p.m., and Tuesdays, 7-9:30 p.m., at French American School gym, 200 Buchanan. Pat, 626-4950.

SF Spikes

Soccer practice on Tuesdays, 8 p.m., at West Sunset Soccer Fields, 40th Ave. & Ortega, and Thursdays, 8 p.m., at Moscone Field, Chestnut & Laguna. Carlo, 821-4248.

Tsunami Gay/Lesbian Swim Team

Sundays, 10 a.m.-noon, at King Pool, 3rd St. & Carrol. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30-9 p.m., at Hamilton Pool, Geary & Steiner. Laurie, 255-9091, or Johnny, 626-0561.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m., Coffman Pool, Visitacion & Hahn. Men & women of all skill levels welcome. John, 621-0783.

SF FrontRunners
Tuesday Fun Runs, 6:30 p.m., at Ferry Bldg, Embarcadero; no-host dinner follows. Thursday Fun Runs, 6:30 p.m., at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park; no-host dinner follows. Sunday Fun Runs, 10 a.m., location TBA. Rod, 621-2213.

EastBay FrontRunners
Saturday, June 16: Inspiration Point—Tilden Park Run. Meet at 9:30 a.m. Roz, 939-3579, or Greg, 865-6792.

Long Runners For info call Dave, 626-1380.

Different Spokes Bicycle Club Decide-and-Ridge each Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m., at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park. All levels welcome. Weekly schedule, 282-1647. Write: PO Box 14711, SF 94114.

SF Hiking Club For info call Clyde, 285-1260.

SF Track & Field Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., and Sundays, 10:30 a.m., at SF State University track, 1600 Holloway. All skill levels welcome. Rick, 626-8784.



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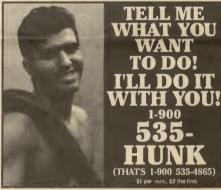
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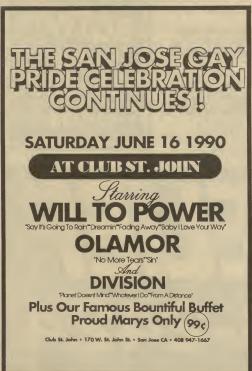
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FRIDAY 15

- I-Beam: The Aquanettas, Mermaid Tattoo, 4 Non-Blondes. 10 p.m. \$5 adv. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023
- El Rio: Happy hour 5-7 p.m. with DJ Carlos Grant. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. with DJ Elton Brown. No cover. 3158 Mission. 282-3325
- Screw: Crucial music, alteration space, progressive drinks, videos, bar dancers & confusion. DJs Mike & Lewis. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1. 496 14th St. & Guerrero, SF.
- Senior Project Benefit: Presented by tguysl with Grand Duke Bruce & Duchess Collette, music by Zucchi & Tefflinger, Prizes & surprises. 7 p.m. Kok Pit, 301 Turk, SF. 775-3260.
- Urban Scrawl: Art exhibit consisting of nontraditional forms of visual expression related to AIDS. Free international art bonanza, 7:30-8:30 p.m., and performance artists, 8-11 p.m. Cheap Art Store/Armpit Gallery, 537 Divisadero, SF.
- Gallery, 537 Divisadero, 5r.

 Modern Times Bookstore: Black feminist poets Gloria Hull (Healing Heart) and Imani Harrington (If You Save Your Life, You've Saved Your Sou!) will read from their new works. 8 p.m. \$3-5. 968 Valencia, SF. 282-9246.
- A Different Light: Joseph Hansen reads from his newest mystery, The Boy Who Was Buried on Monday.
 7:30 p.m. 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.
- Lesbian & Gay Parents/Marin County: Monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Childcare provided. First Presbyterian Church, 1510 5th Ave., San Rafael. 457-1115.

SATURDAY 16

- I-Beam: High Energy & House music, plus sexy, young studs take it off at 10:30 p.m. & 12 a.m.! \$5, free w/pass. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- Colossus: Saturdays, double decker dancing with DJs Hosh Gureli & Jerry Bonham playing House & '70s music. After hours. \$10. 21+ w/ID. 1015 Folsom & 6th St., SF. 431-BOYS.
- Club Euphoria: New Beat, Rap, '70s with DJs Lewis & Greg. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2. Saturday nights at the Crystal Pistol, 842 Valencia/19th St., SF.
- El Rio: Papa Wheelie, Bourbon Deluxe, Beat Senseless. 10 p.m.- 1 a.m. \$5. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- City Swing's Elegant Mirrored Ball: The big band sounds of Gail Wilson & City Swing and guests Vocal Minority, SF Tap Troupe and David Kelsey. 6:30 p.m. cocktails, 7:30 p.m. dinner, and 9 p.m. dancing, \$45 single, \$85 couples, \$20 dance only. California Club, 1750 Clay, SF. 552-3656.
- Leather Gender Bender Cabaret Nite: A hot night featuring Rainbeau, Micque Li Alias Mario, IMsL '90 the Very Mother Superior Gabrielle. 8 p.m. \$6. Upstairs at Amelia's, 645 Valencia.
- Cynthia Bythell: Singing showtunes with guest David Canfield and pianist Pat Parr. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. The Blue Muse, 409 Gough, SF. 626-7505.
- Dance & Dine Through the Decades: A fundraiser for the vocal ensemble Chanticleer presents an evening with news anchor Sylvia Chase, humorist Morris Bobrow, and dancing to Swing Fever. \$100/person. 6:30-11 p.m. Bohemian Club, 600 Taylor, SF. 896-5866.
- 2nd Annual 12-Hour Performance Marathon: A benefit for Theater Artaud featuring over 70 Bay Area performance artists. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. 85. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida (all day, in-and-out priviledges); Mariposa Studio, 2880 Mariposa (5-10 p.m.). 621-7797.



 551 The Beauty of Decadence: Photographs by Arimondi on display Saturdays, 1-5 p.m., weekdays by appoinment. Twenty-five percent of proceeds benefits the AEF. 436 9th St., SF. 255-1616.

- Mostly Landscapes by D.G. Fink: Recent paintings or view at 336 Hayes Street Gallery. Reception tonight, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Agenda For Unity—African-American Lesbians & Gays: Affirmations, a new film by Marlon Riggs, storytelling, songs, poetry & a funky after hours dancel Cultural event & reception, 8:30 p.m.; dance, 10:30 p.m.;3 a.m. \$7. Merritt/Peralta Health Education Center, 400 Hawthorne, Oakland. 621-2001.
- The Rules of Attraction, A Conference on Lesbian & Gay Media: Panel discussions presented by Frameline in conjunction with the SF Int. Lesbian & Gay Fille Festival. June 16 & 17. Free. 347 Dolores, SF. 861-5245.
- Husband Hunters: Drop-in workshop for gay men seeking and keeping spouses. Topic: Flirting—How to do it & enjoy it. 7:30-10 p.m. \$10, PWAs \$1. MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. 564-6164.
- Women's Outing to Pigeon Point: Fun week-end with other older lesbians. Call Pat at GLOE, 626-7000.

SUNDAY 17

- Pleasuredome: The grand opening of SF's largest gay dance club. 177 Townsend & 3rd. Call 552-1687.
- Amelia's Strips for Women: Doors open at 8:30 p.m., strips at 9:30 p.m., dancing 'til 11:30 p.m. \$5. 645 Valencia, SF.
- El Rio: Candela. 4-8 p.m. \$7. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- I-Beam: Sunday T-dance. Male dancers at 8, 9 & 10 p.m. 5 p.m.-2 a.m. \$4, \$3 w/pass. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- Club Uranus: DJs Mike & Lewis, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3, \$2 w/pass. 401 Harrison & 6th St., SF.
- Dreamland: Sundays multi-format gay T-dance. 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Free 'til 9 p.m. w/pass. 520 4th St./Bryant, SF. 552-7911.
- Daddies Do It Betterl: An SF AIDS Food Bank benefit hosted by Diamond John & Tommi Rose, entertainment by Gail Wilson & Danny Williams, and more fun 8 p.m. The Mint, 1942 Market/Dubose, SF. 626-4726.
- Bench & Bar: Variety show at 10 p.m., preceded by CW dancing, chili, hot dogs at 7 p.m. 120 11th St., Oakland. 444-2266.
- OUT/LOOK Foundation Benefit & Reception: The publishers of OUT/LOOK and the sponsors of the OUT Write '90 conference present guest gay/lesbian authors Allan Berube & Mary Wings. 5:30-9:30 p.m. \$25. Call 626-7929.
- o Different Strokes: An evening with Les Miserables company members, Sharon McKnight and surprise guests to benefit AIDS Emergency Fund & Service Through Touch. 8 p.m. \$35, reserved seating (available at Mr. S locations). Waterfront Theatre, Polk & Beach, SF.
- A Whitman Sampler: The Society of Gay & Lesbiar Composers' concert features vocalist Kris Ingle. 3 p.m Golden Gate MCC, 48 Belcher, SF.
- ACT UP/SF Forum & Workshops: "Speaking Across Borders," a forum focusing on the many communities affected by the AIDS pandemic at 2 p.m. Various workshops in two sessions, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. All at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St., SF. 563-0724.
- A Different Light: GALS (Gay And Lesbian Students) of the SF Art Institute group show reception, 6 p.m. Renate Stendhal, co-author of Sex and Other Sacred Games, 7:30 p.m. 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.
- Trinity Episcopal Church: Festive Choral Eucharist to celebrate Pride Week and the _1st anniversary of Stonewall at 11 a.m. Bush & Gough, SF. 775-1117.
- Gay Fathers: Dad's Day picnic with kids on Angel Island. Bring food & beverages. Call 285-3914.
- Gay Voyagers: Monthly mee for gay men interested in foreign travel at the gay synagogue, Caselli & Danvers, in the Castro. Alan, 188828.

MONDAY 18

- Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Ana Castillo reads from her new book, Sapogonia. 7:30 p.m. Donation. All welcome. 1009 Valencia, SF. 821-4675.
- Safe Sex Playshop: Explore ways of being safe and having fun with other caring, hot men. 7-10 p.m. Free. B Street Bar, 236 S. B St., San Mateo. Jonathan, 573-2588.
- SF Jacks: Dad's Big Scary Dong Night. Arrive 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$6. Call 543-3433.
- Duplicate Bridge Game: Quicktricks Bridge Club open game. 7 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 285-5155.

TUESDAY 19

• An Evening with Michael Feinstein: Tonight only at 8 p.m. Benefits the American Jewish Congress. Herbst Theatre, SF. Tix, 552-3656. Infc 974-1287.

WEEK

- Charles Pierce is Backl: Celebrity impersonator of the celluloid grand dames returns for a limited engagement. Tue-Sun, at 8 p.m. \$20 plus two drink min. Plush Room, 940 Sutter, SF. Reservations, 885-2800.
- Duplicate Bridge Game: Limited to newer players. 7 p.m. Quicktricks Bridge Club. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 285-5155.

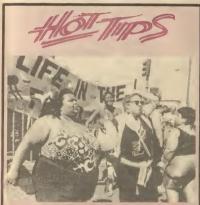
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- Female Trouble: Wednesdays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2-3. 1821 Haight, SF.
- El Rio: Comics Danny Williams, Diane Amos, Mari Shine, Sister Woman. \$5. 9-11 p.m. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- St. Mary's Cathedral: Monthly Mass for all those affected by and living with the AIDS crisis (in chapel behind main altar). All welcome, reception follows. 7 p.m. 111 Gough/Geary, SF.



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The Fat Is Back with "Let It All Hang Out Day II":
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community. Look forward to live entertainment, dancing and much, much more! Everyone welcome. June 16,
2-6.p.m. Harvey Milk Plaza, Castro & Market, SF. To help call 661-6379.

FILM

• 14th SF International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival Opening Night Gala: June 15, Champagne reception, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Film premiere of Coming Out, directed by Heiner Carow, the first significant gay film from East Germany about a young man who is introduced to the city's gay life; a significant first and last look at gay culture before the demise of the Berlin Wall. 7 p.m. at the Castro Theatre. Dinner, cocktails & dancing, 9:30 p.m., at the SF Mart. \$30. The film festival will take place June 15-24 at both the Castro and Roxie theatres. See festival program for a complete listing.

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THEATRE

Solo Journeys, Two One-Person Performances: Kent
Whipple in "Doug Beale: Atlanta 1983," engrossing
tales of Southern characters and their responses to a
young man with AIDS. Anna Deavere Smith in "On The
Road: San Francisco 1990," a journalistic drama that
captures the diverse characters that inhabit the City.
June 20-July 15, plays Wed.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sun. at
7:30 p.m. \$13-17. Eureka Theatre, 2730 16th St., SF.
558-9898.

NONSTOP ERATIC CABARET

ACT UP/SF & ACT NOW Benefit: A wild and whirling dance and performance happening featuring accoustic appearances by Sister Double Happiness, Enrique, 4 Non Blondes, and The Jackson Saints; performance spots by Diviana Ingravallo, Suzy Berger, and Philip Horvitz. DJs Lewis & Mike and Tom Sibley keep up the beat. June 20, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$7. Townsend, 177 Townsend/2nd St., SF.

ART EVENTS

• Liquid Eyeliner—An Exposition of Beauty Mainlined: Exploring the influence of camp upon pop-culture via the lesbian/qay community, this exhibit is an explosion of pink & velvet by 18-plus gender-confusing artists. June 22-July 28. Reception: June 24, 7-9 p.m. Performances on July 21, 7 p.m. SF Arts Commission Gallery, 155 Grove, SF. 558-4445.

- 15b Grove, 5r. 558-4449.

 Angels In Whiteface, An Art For AIDS Benefit: Artist Thomasina De Maio premieres a series of paintings, sculptures and performance art in homage to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the global struggle against AIDS. June 21, reception at 6:30 p.m. and performances at 7:30 p.m. Convent Gallery, 65 Page, SF.
- Lesbian & Gay Fine Art Exhibit: A potpourri of fine art by some of the community's finest visual artists will be on display in the City Hall Rotunda. June 18-July 6, Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception: June 21, 6-8 p.m. acception.

- Soul Survivor: By Anthony Russo, directed by Dyke Garrison. Mourning becomes comedy as a gay man grieving over his lover's death learns to live and love again, except his lover returns as a ghost. June 20-23, plays Wed. & Thu. at 8 p.m., Fri. & Sat. at 7 & 10 p.m. \$11-13. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter/Mason, SF. 861-5079.
- Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid: A new musical about five men who celebrate their sexuality while waiting for their HIV test results. Thru June 23, plays Wed-Sun, at 8 p.m. and Sun. matinees at 3 p.m. \$8-15. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th 5t., SF. 861-5079.
- AIDS Legal Referral Panel & PWA/SF Community Forum: Attorneys discuss "HIV & U.S. Immigration." 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Golden Gate School of Law, 536 Mission, SF.
- Beginners Square Dancing Summer Classes: Western Star dancers welcomes gays/lesbians to an intronight. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood/18th St., SF. 864-6134.
- "Discovery" Men's Group: For men 50+, led by George Birmisa. Topic: Expanding your resource net-work. 2:15 p.m. 333 Turk, SF. GLOE, 626-7000.
- Older Writers Workshop: For lesbians & gay men age 50+. 6-8 p.m. 1853 Market, SF. GLOE: 626-7000.
- ACT UP/East Bay: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at a new, permanent space at First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 14th & Castro (3 blks west of Broadway), Oakland. 420-8864.

THURSDAY 21

- Chaos: Music, videos, lust! DJs Mike & Lewis spin Industrial, New Beat, Rap. Thursdays, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1. Crystal Pistol, 842 Valencia/19th St., SF.
- El Rio: Cocktail Partyl Comedian Laura Milligan, exotic dancer Nova (Mr. Gay SF), female impersonator Cher & DJ Cory Iwatsu. Free. 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.
- 202-3329.
 A Man & A Woman: Written by (and starring) Kelly Kittell with Laurie Bushman, directed by Doug Holsclaw. A gay comedy montage that takes a bite out of life in the '90s and spits it back in your facel Thru July 1, plays Thu.-Sun. at 8:30 p.m. 8-10. Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF. 861-5079.
- Braval for Women in the Arts One-Woman Show: Gone Bad by Diviana Ingravallo, monologues on lesbian eroticism, drugs & the sex industry. Thru June 23, plays Thu-Sun. at 10:30 p.m. \$10-12. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St., SF. 626-9196.
- 9th St., Sr. 02-9190.

 Friends of Photography Lecture: Marvin Heiferman on his traveling exhibition "The Indomitable Spirit: Photographers and artists respond to the time of AIDS." 7:30 p.m. \$4-5. Ansel Adams Center's Kodak Gallery, 250 4th St., SF. 495-7000.
- Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Avotoja will read from her new book *Pure CandelalPure Fire* and perform pieces from her live tape. All welcome, especially women of color. 7:30 p.m. \$5. 1009 Valencia, SF. 821-4675.
- Gay Men's Sketch Does the Castro: Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Modeling by bodybuilder Zoltan Andahazy, 7-10 p.m. \$12. MCC, 150 Eureka, Rm. 205, SF. 621-6294.



Oust Jesse Helms Reception: The Bay Area Committee holds a fundraiser for Harvey Gantt, the Democratic challenger for Helms' North Carolina senate seat. Guests include singers/songwriters Romanovsky & Phillips (above), Joe Herzenberg (gay town council person, Chapel Hill, NC) and Mandy Carter (NC senate vote '90 coordinator). June 21, 5-7 p.m. Fundraiser reception \$20-50, Romanovsky & Phillips concert \$11. Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell, SF. Call 655-5226 eyes.



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Different Beats To Go — Part One

by David Taylor-Wilson

appy birthday to me, and all that stuff. So we made it. One year old and what have we got to show for it? Well, how about some free music for you?

Our friends at MCA Records, Arista Records and Motown Records have each generously provided us with six hot selections from their catalog to give away in salute of our anniversary.

Here's how it works. For the next three weeks, beginning now, The Beat will run a series of five trivia questions. All you have to do is answer the five questions correctly, mail your answers to us — and you win.

In the event of a tie (and we expect there will be ties), a random drawing will be held to determine the final winner. Names of the winners will be printed the week following the close of the contest.

When you are contemplating the questions, remember, they pertain to artists currently signed to that label (unless otherwise specified).

Our first week's set of prizes were provided by MCA Records. Much thanks to Maria Kleinman, publicity goddess, West Coast.

Music Teasers

No. 1 — Two weeks ago this lady celebrated her 46th birthday. Along with her three backup singers, she began her career in the '60s with Motown Records. Her group recorded the original version of 'T Heard It Through the Grapevine,' which Marvin Gaye went on to do a remake of a year later. Name the group and its lead singer. No. 2 — The date is May 29, 1989, and an airplane loses one of its engines over the Pacific. It lands in Hawaii with four minutes of fuel left. On board the plane is the MCA artist who gave Arsenio Hall his trademark line, "Let's get busy!" Name the artist. No. 3 — June 6, 1975: An MCA artist becomes the first artist in modern times to have his new album debut at the No. 1 position. Name the artist and the album. No. 4 — Five years ago, this movie soundtrack album went to No. 1; it spawned a No. 1 instrumental dance single laden with synthesizers and a



(Top row, I. to r.) Adam Ant, The Lighting Seeds, Bell Biv Devoe, (bottom row, I. to r.) Klymaxx, Glenn Medeiros, and Energy Orchard, all from MCA Records.

heavy bass line. Name the soundtrack album. No. 5 — "And just maybe I can convince time to slow up/ Giving me enough time in my life to grow up. /Time, be my friend ...and let me start again." Name the No. 1 song that these lyrics are from and the artist who recorded it.

Send your answers to *The Beat*, 395 Ninth Street, San Francisco, California 94103.

And Now, Behind Door

I guess by now you're wondering what you'll win. Well, wonder no more, read on.

Adam Ant, Manners & Physique. You'll recall that back in March we ran an exclusive Bay Area interview with Mr. Ant. He spoke about his first album since 1985, and gave us the inside scoop on what went into making the album

In the review we told you that, in our opinion, Ant had never sounded better and this album was definitely a winner. Since that time, the premier single, "Room at the Top," found its way to the top of the charts and in dance clubs became a No. 1 nightly request. Meanwhile, Manners continues its climb to the top of the album charts.

The Lightning Seeds, Cloudcuckooland. What do the groups Echo and the Bunnymen, Dead or Alive, Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark and Big in Japan have in common?

Ian Broudie. He is the singer / songwriter / multi-instrumentalist/producer whose work spawned these bands, and more.

Now in solo form as the Lightning Seeds, Broudie has put together a collection of music that has been dubbed "the catchiest, wittiest and warmest pop music in recent memory." Melody Maker magazine called it "a place overflowing with unreal dreams and impossible perfection...a land where perfect pop is not a myth, but a gold-plated reality." We call it an instant modern rock classic, one that will set the standard for others to follow

Bell Biv Devoe, Poison. These former members of supergroup New Edition have finally stepped out of the background and into a spotlight of their own. On their first-go-around effort, that move has proven to provide a spotlight that's hotter than ever.

The debut, title-track single has bulleted up the charts, and the album promises that the success of these men will not be a one-shot deal.

Bel Biv Devoe, with its fluid, but hard-driving hip hop beats, beautiful harmonies, crossover appeal and slice-of-life angle from the streets of the inner city, is poised to capture a big piece of the musical pie.

Klymaxx, The Maxx Is Back. A few years back, Klymaxx exploded onto the

charts with a string of funky, sassy, let-me-get-to-the-point hits like "Meeting in the Ladies' Room," "The Men All Pause," and "Man-Sized Love." They tempered that with beautiful ballads: "I'd Still Say Yes" and "I Miss You."

After a bit of a hiatus and group reorganization, Klymaxx returns with a strong set of groove music. Whether you're groovin' on the dance floor, or groovin' with some-body special in a private setting, you'll find the perfect musical accompaniment here. Because as usual, Klymaxx effortlessly spans that gamut.

The recently released premier single, "Good Love," has jumped leaps and bounds over the competition on its way to the top of the charts, and seems bent on not stopping until it reaches there.

The Maxx is not only back,

but they're back in grand style and like never before.

Glenn Medeiros, Glenn Medeiros. In 1987 Medeiros was catapulted to fame practically overnight with his sensational debut single, "Nothing's Gonna Change My Love for You." Not only did the single top the charts here in America, it went to No. 1 in Norway, Sweden, Israel, France, England and Italy.

On his freshman effort for MCA Records, Medeiros has enlisted the talents of Bobby Brown, Ray Parker Jr. and the Stylistics as guest artists.

The first single from the album, "She Ain't Worth It," features labelmate Bobby Brown and is already riding high on the charts, proving that this man is more than an overnight sensation, he's a continuing sensation. Watch Medeiros make lightning strike twice with his fabulous new album.

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In the past we've had other Irish bands, such as U2 and Big Country, bring the musical soul of the Irish heart to us, and now Energy Orchard takes Celtic soul a step further. With tinges of those mentioned above and the likes of Bob Dylan and Van Morrison thrown in, Energy Orchard succeeds in mixing the rhythms and the blues of what life in their hometown of Belfast is all about. Required listening.

Next Week

We look behind Door No. 2 for birthday gifts from Arista Records!



A Whitman Sampler

For the annual Gay Pride concert of the Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers, mezzo-soprano Kris Ingle will sing selections from Walt Whitman's poem "A Noiseless Patient Spider" that have been set to music by SGLC members.



Making Magic on Stage

Recently, while watching Maggie Smith hold center stage in the New York production of *Lettice and Lovage*, I was reminded how those of us with overactive improvements. aginations sometimes take our fantasy lives for granted.

In Act III, as Smith's Lettice In Act III, as Smith's Lettice Douffet and Margaret Tyzack's Lotte Schoen nervously reneact a historical — and fairly hysterical — charade, an emotionally shut-down police investigator (played by Paxton Whitehead) finds himself caught up in their powerfully theatrical fantasy. At the crucial moment when Lettice connects with the long-lost connects with the long-lost child in Mr. Bardolph's dreary adult soul, the audience is quick to applaud the power of the heroine's storytelling skills and her ability to liberate a hardened bureaucrat from the painful and stifling monotony of his daily existence.

What is the secret of Lettice's success? Something as simple and basic as playing "make-believe" Professionals might label this beautifully crafted scene by Peter Shaffer as mere psychodrama, but, to me, it has everything to do with the magic of live theatre.

magic of live theatre.

Perhaps that's why I've always been so fond of Larry Gelbart's opening speech in A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. "Playgoers, I bid you welcome. The theater is a temple, and we are here tonight to worship the gods of comedy and traggely." gods of comedy and tragedy," states Prologus. "Tonight I am pleased to announce a comedy. We shall employ every device we know in our desire to divert

Witnessing Lettice Douffet smash her adversary's rigid defense mechanisms with lit-tle more than words and im-ages explains why, against such frequently daunting odds, Lhave chosen to spend much of I have chosen to spend much of my life seated in darkened auditoriums in search of cheap theatrical thrills.

I got one recently — a damned good one which caught me

completely by surprise. In fact, this performance did a hell of a lot to restore my faith in the universality of the music thea-ter impulse — the astounding force of make-believe which allows humans to combine music, dance and drama into that most curious art form named opera

Spinning a Tale

A professional critic goes to the theater with the same kind of regularity that most people go to church. And, as an opera critic, it's easy to reach the point where it seems as if one more lousy performance of Carmen, La Boheme or La Traviata will test the limits of one's gag reflex.

Last fall's anemic revival of Madama Butterfly by the San Francisco Opera proved to be Francisco Opera proved to be such a disheartening affair that I opted not to attend any performances by SFO's second cast. Why not? As much as I admire Diana Soviero's work, I realized I would stand a better chance of appreciating the American soprano's portrayal of Cio-Cio-San if I could experience it in a different framework than the 24-year-old production owned by the San Francisco Opera.

Therefore, I decided to wait until Soviero took the starring role in the Houston Grand Opera's production of Puc-cini's tearjerker (which was to be directed by Harold Prince this spring). This was one time when my critical instincts paid off in spades.

With Renata Scotto pretty much retired from the operation stage, Soviero now holds the crown as the leading inter-preter of Puccini's tragic geisha girl. Her voice has grown tremendously in power, and few sopranos can match Soviero in the artistic acuity required to communicate a complex character's emotional layers to an audience.

Powerhouse Performance Her performance in Houston was everything an opera lover longs for. Vocally, Soviero was right on the button; dramati

cally, she scaled the kinds of emotional heights many of her colleagues dream about but never attain.

never attain.

Soviero's powerhouse performance was ably supported by the steadfastly sung Suzuki of mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves and the stalwart Sharpless of baritone Gaetan Laperriere. I found tenor Marcello Giordani's Pinkerton much more appealing (both dramatically and vocally) than his Duke of Mantua in HGO's production of Rigoletto earlier this season. Comprimario tenor Joseph Frank's reliable and finely detailed portrayal of and finely detailed portrayal of Goro was, as always, a joy.

Christian Badea conducted Christian Badea conducted this performance with an extreme sensitivity to the emotional thrust of Puccini's score, making HGO's Madama Butterfly stand head and shoulders above the artistic shambles foisted upon the San Francisco Opera's audience last fall But what made this last fall. But what made this production so special for me was designer Clarke Dunham's incorporation of a turn table into his unit set (on loan from the Lyric Opera of Chicago).

Cinematic Adventure

Whereas most audiences are forced to stare at Butterfly's house for so long that they want to get up and take a walk around the block, the constant motion of Dunham's turntable forced the audience to buy into the fantasy whirling around in Cio-Cio-San's mind. As a

Diana Soviero as Cio-Cio-San and Marcello Giordani as Pinkerton in Act I of Houston Grand Opera's production of Puccini's Madame Butterfly

result, the audience became a more active participant in the story, and Hal Prince's use of kabuki-like stagehands con-tinually alerted people to be on the lookout for more tools of the theatrical trade.

Meanwhile, Ken Billington's evocative lighting (combined with a handsome stream of visual projections) deftly matched each of Puccini's intense changes in musical mood.

In retrospect, I found Hal

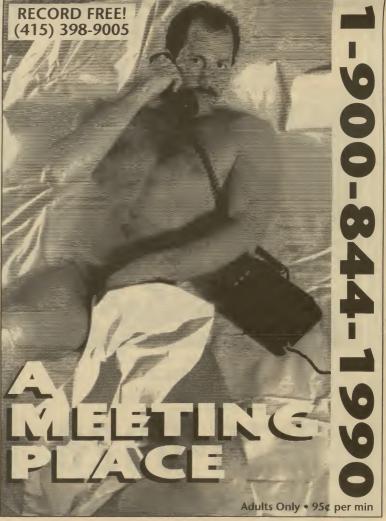
Prince's conceptualization of Madama Butterfly to be a near madama Butterily to be a near cinematic adventure in staging opera. In fact, I would heartily recommend that companies like the Metropolitan and San Francisco Opera give their audiences a break from suffering through yet another tired revival of Madama Butterfly this action of the stage of (using their same old sets and costumes) and, instead, try to rent this truly exquisite production from the Lyric Opera of Chicago.



'A Man and a Woman' at Rhino

The multi-media gay comedy montage A Man and a Woman continues at the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros through July

1. The show's organizers say it combines "gay terrorists, married transsexuals and singing '60s surfers for an outrageous evening of fun."



Tidal Wave

hostile line of stevedore-type pickets.

The weirdest of the ironies occurs during Kurwenal's Central American work. Whenever he's engaged in shooting the put-upon natives for his journalistic record they immediately get shot again — but this time by real bullets. Our hero remains oblivious not only to any kind of correlation between actions but to the con-stantly busy death squads as

But the film has many sequences that go way beyond a satisfying point: Repetition, brooding angst and satire are often bludgeoned home indiscriminately, and the director should've had a more sacrificial these atomich be sadrift. tedly interesting material. A mixed-blessing then. (Though I for one would've liked to learn a bit more about a three way that goes on for 10 years! The film skirts over the salacious details.)

Outstanding Acting

By far and away the best woman's film of the festival that I saw was Charlotte Silvera's *Prisonnieres* — a no-nonsense, grim, fluid investiganonsense, grini, fund investiga-tion of the intersecting fates of seven women in a prison in Rennes, France. Outstanding performances from veterans Milva, Annie Giradot, Bernadette Lafont and Marie-Christine Barrault are matched by newcomers Corinne Touzet and Agnes Soral. The love story between two of them is deftly drafted and succeeds better than any other lesbian

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almost lifts the film to greatness. I can't recommend it too highly for an all passion I've seen portrayed on it too highly for an old-fashioned, seamlessly well made, great ensemble acting piece of work.

Nocturne provided a good snooze. Too studied and stilted snooze. Too studied and stifted for my taste it was fitfully rous-ing in portraying an unsym-pathetic pair of lesbian leads on an amoral rampage. on an amoral rampage. Elsewhere in this issue is my coverage of Comrades in Arms, Coming Out, Evenings, Paris Is Burning and Pink Ulysses, while next week many of the videos and shorts get their due.

Respect for the Short

Among Lumpkin's strongest qualities as festival director are his solid commitment to the short film and his lively and adventurous combinations of this fare. Most programmers give anything other than

feature-length works short shrift on the outskirts so it's especially gratifying to encounter so many of note here.

If there's one bit of finger-wagging I can't resist, it's directed towards the fairly unreadable and unappetizing program the festival is offering this year. It's the only unmitigated disaster — so much Maybe my eyesight is going after too many Crocodiles in Amsterdam (well, the Croc part is right) but I could barely discern any info and certainly no allure. This is not to disparage my colleague Mark Finch's astute and dazzling texts descriptions of the films on those dimly printed page But next year a new printer and designer, please!

So go out and celebrate and attend San Francisco's pre-eminent gay art event of the year. There are at least a dozen programs that will provide ecstasy, insight, bracing provocation, spiritual and physical arousal and the pleasure of feeling glad to be gay.

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Sex 121 and The Gulag shows in the festival's "Out on Tuesday" Program Two.

Out' and Outrageous

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gamekeeper tussling with an Edwardian gentleman in the film Maurice, commentator Simon Callow snaps, "That's the trouble with the lower classes — they're always trying to get on top." to get on top.

Obscene Calls

"People like irreverence," Merck notes modestly. Out on Tuesday frequently gives them more than their fill, and the program has naturally won its share of "very funny obscene phone calls" from "people who clearly enjoy being outraged— people who feel compelled to shout, 'I don't think guys should shove it up each other; I shove it up my wife and that's the way God meant it to be!' We've also gotten the rightwing press rather steamed on

Pleasing all sements of the gay comunity at all times is a tricky business as well. "Last year we were good on culture but deficient on reportage, and this year we've had to beef that aspect up. We've also been ask-ed to do more debate, and have corrected a lack of programming on older gays this season with an hour-long look at lesbians in their 50s to 80s," Merck notes

Turning the Tables

Out on Tuesday's defiantly "out-there" brio would seem startling anywhere. It may seem particularly surprising in Britian, where the nortorious Section 28 amendment, pushed through Parliament by constructive research. servatives recently, forbade local councils from using public funds to in any way promote homosexuality."

The program's typically impudent apporoach to the subject took the form of a segment in which "we went directly to the Tories' own advertising agency and had them design an ad campaign to 'promote homosexuality" homosexuality.

Merck sees "a greater sence of unity and fighting back" among both lesbians and gay men as a direct result of Sec-tion 28, and Out on Tuesday has become a sort of banner for this new "self-esteem and defiance" in the Brit community.

"Of course, the legislation "Of course, the legislation was awful and idiotic. But the reaction wasn't, 'Oh dear, we're having a miserable time.' It was more like, frankly, 'Fuck them! Screw the straights! We have a better aesthetic, a better sex life, a richer culture. It's better to be gray damn them.'" to be gay, damn them.'

to be gay, damn them."

Merck sees her show as helping to define that kind of "vigor, anger and humor against ludicrous injustice. Especially humor. I think Out on Tuesday has made a difference. It looks good, it's fun, it doesn't pander by trying to 'explain' homosexuals to straights. If straight people want to watch, fine, but we're not doing this for them. Our motto is 'Never apologize, never explain'. The show has really torn up its ausience and really torn up its ausience and gotten them going. Most of all, I think they're greatly amused that we can actually do this on national television.

Out on Tuesday Program One: June 21, 8:30 p.m. Program Two: June 22, 8:30 p.m. Program Three: June 23, 6 p.m. Program Four: June 24, 5 p.m. Roxie

Crocodiles

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women for that. Although touted by some as "Europe's answer to Desperately Seeking Susan," viewers who respond to that line will be disappointed.

Susan portrays the journey of a woman who gives up her middle-class uptight values and learns the joy and pain of living on the edge. Crocodiles gives us a mirror image: a woman, Nina, who gives up living on the edge to find peace and comfort within the socially acceptable role of wacky materialist. Nothing matters — Uncle Victor can always bail us out with his tons of money. Please, someone tell me if I'm missing the point.

Banal Yet Offensive

Crocodiles does have all the

right ingredients for a U.S. television sitcom. The world of the film has been reduced to a banal center, offending no one who matters, just those who choose to live outside the center. Like me. Like you?

Near the end of the movie, there is a short take of one of the buddies studying a modern painting. She keeps turning it over, trying to decide which side is up, a sight gag from the '50s. But I found myself doing that with this movie. I don't know which side is up, either.

I don't believe the intentions of the filmmaker could possibly be what I saw. But that is what I saw. Go see it and judge it for yourself.

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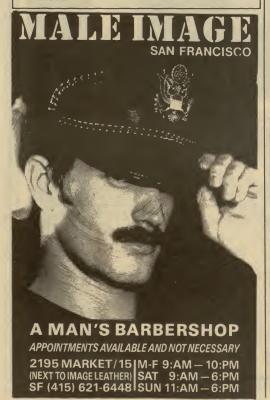
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lose to 250 persons witnessed the highest leather titles ever leather titles ever bestowed in the South Bay last Saturday night at the Heat Bar's patio in San Jose. The South Bay Leather and Uniform Group put its best foot forward in a production that was dedicated to fallen brother Ric Lewis, Mr. Fresno Leather 1989:90, Mr. Central Valley Drummer, who recently passed away. The production was a benefit for the South Bay contingent that will be in San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade June 24.

There were six contestants for the Mr. title and three contestants for the Ms. title. South Bay Leather Daddy's Boy Jacques Michaels opened the show with a repeat of his presentation at the SF Eagle recently for Mr. Gay San Francisco Nova Lei: the priest hearing confession from two errant ing confession from two errant leathermen who later "discover" each other while doing penance. After being caught by Father Jacques and turning the tables, they proceed to enlighten him in the ways of the S/M lifestyle. A riotous skit that would probably win something at a Mr. Drummer com-

After the judges were introduced (Susie Shepherd, IMSL 1989; Ray Tilton, Mr. SF Leather; Teri Trotter, Ms. Arizona Leather; Sky Renfrow, IMSL founder; and Robert de Saglio of Fort Worth), the parade of contestants began. The men: David Olarte, Rafael Duran, Frank Carrillo, Rafael Blanco, Bill Bryant and John Howe. The women: Carole Ann McGovern, Connie Boy Steinman and ern, Connie Boy Steinman and Kristy Cox.

They gave brief speeches before Ms. Leather Sacramento Kim Wallace belted out a couple of songs. Kim really wrecked the house; she has a great voice and spirited body



Connie Boy Steinman and Cowboy John Howe acknowledge the adoration of the crowd as Ms. and Mr. South Bay

The contestants were brought back for questions from the audience and judges. and then a unique segment followed. The contestants were told that the emcee, Shan Carr, had gotten drunk and that they would be pressed into service to emcee the remainder of the show.

A mock contest within a contest with bogus male and female contestants happened onstage. It was a riot, and imposed on the contestants so posed on the contestants so that the judges could score their creativity and reaction to pressure. It was billed as a "generic leather contest" in East Bumfuck. This portion took place after the "revealing wear" segment and was actual-ly a highlight of the evening, right before the naming of the ly a highlight of the evening, right before the naming of the winners. The winners: First runner-up male, Rafael Blanco. First runner-up female: Carole Ann McGovern. Mr. South Bay Leather: "Cowboy" John Howe. Ms. South Bay Leather: Connie Boy Steinman. The crowd seemed to be in tune

with the judges.

To add more cash to the cause, a short art auction featuring the works of Luis was held, with Robert de Saglio, quite humorous with his Texas accent, officiating. I should tell you that Shan Carr proved to be more than ex-cellent as the emcee, and while ad-libbing to fill brief delays, had the crowd in stitches with anecdotes that elicited laughs and guffaws. (You should have been there, Colt Thomas).

It isn't easy being "the first" anything, but both Connie Boy and Cowboy John seem to have all the makings for a successful year. I daresay the winners will make their presence known when they compete next year in San Francisco (Connie) and Chicago (John).

For openers, they both donated their \$100 cash prizes donated then shot cash prizes back to the parade fund. The leather community of the South Bay and S.L.U.G. should rightfully take a bow for a dazzling display of leather



Spanking or massage? South Bay Leather Daddy's Boy Jacque Micheal administers ''penance'' to an errant leatherman confessor at the South Bay Leather contest show last Saturday night.

pride and their first big step into the highest echelon of leather titles. Yes, boys and girls. Leather pride is alive and well in San Jose.

t was like a mini-leather weekend around here. Earlier last Saturday afternoon, SF Leather Daddy Jay Smith and SF Leather Dad-dy's Boy David Thompson threw an alfresco beer bust on the Eagle's patio to raise some dough for the Godfather Service Fund.

Menage and Fiddlestix entertained, and leathermen entertained, and leathermen were romping around selling raffle tickets to Hawaii for two (round-trip). There was an auction for dinner dates with Peter Austin, Chris Minor, Rick Ramirez and David, as well. I didn't get the final count, but they did raise a considerable sum siderable sum.

Saturday night, the Black Saturday ingin, the black Party at Dreamland was very well attended. Mr. Gay SF, Nova Lei, prevailed in obtain-ing four or five dozen leather-clad hunks to perform leather fantasies onstage. The climax was former Empress Pat Montclaire in gowns to die over and a group of stunning drags "vogueing," the new craze at discos all over the country. You had to see it to believe it.

Sunday afternoon, a record amount of almost \$14,000 was raised at the Castro Lions leather auction, an annual event spearheaded by former eather Daddy Tom Rodgers The auction items garnered close to \$9,000, and a check donated from the estate of former Mr. Northern California Drummer Jim Kael (\$5,000) was added to that amount. Big turnout. Big bucks. Big pride shining all around the leather

And it didn't end there. Sunday night, the leather women put on a dazzling show at Amelia's to raise money (\$1.250) for the IMsL fund, and the raves about the performances of Corky and Sheilah ere still ringing at my deadline. The turnout was so encouraging that they're planning another "happening" soon. The women need our support, so I hope a lot of you guys out there will come to the rescue and get that \$6,000 debt taken care of!



Connie Boy poses during the revealing wear segment of the South Bay Leather contest

It's safe to say, leather pride was on parade all weekend. Everyone had fun and raised money for worthy causes what more could you ask for?

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Mr. SF Drummer Joe Hollinger has whipped up a committee to have a leather pride contingent in the parade. Mister S Leathers and Mercury Mail Order are sponsoring what looks like a great effort — naturally Audrey Joseph will lend her considerable talents to the presentation.

Virtually every major leather title holder will be involved, so if you want to help (and I know you do), call (415) 864-3674. It would be great if they put the South Bay Leather contingent has not a second south as the second south season with the south season was a second south season with the south season was a season with the season was a Leather contingent near ours. Come on leather men and women; let's show off our leathers June 24!

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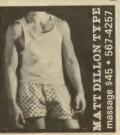
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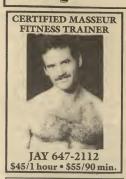
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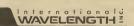
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It's also the SF GDI's week end run. The theme: Scratch and Sniff Nose Run all this weekend. Show, food, buddy, weekend. Show, food, buddy, bike and people events, Miss GDI Pageant, costume awards, 72-hour open bar. By now, it'll cost you \$90. Grab a GDI at the Transfer or Men's Room if you still want to go.

still want to go.

Saturday, June 16: SMMILE
(South of Market Merchants'
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Events) is throwing a beer bust
at the Eagle (2000-2300);
emcees are Ray Tilton and
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can drink, \$7. Entertainment
by the 12-piece R&B/funk
band Rhythm Kitchen and the
Deep Throats. Black-andwhite special photo auction by white special photo auction by Jim Wigler — 13 in all, matted in 11"x14". Call 648-FAIR for more details, but be there. By the way, the Up Your Alley Fair (Dore Alley) is August 5. Folsom Fair is Sept. 23.

Sunday, June 17: Hey, it's Father's Day! And it's the Seventh Annual Father's Day Auction/Beer Bust at the Eagle. All the beer you can drink for \$8. Food from the Calleon Austingings finals. Galleon, Auctioning off only 40 items, lots of leather, dates with leather title holders. Samantha Samuels and Danny Williams will auction and entertain.

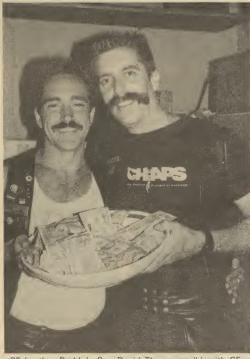
Raffle tickets for a trip for two to Hawaii (round-trip) are \$5 each or three for \$10. It's a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Godfather Service Fund. They take plastic or cash. Liberate those methy (from your waller) those moths (from your wallet). See Irene Soderberg heave her considerable lungs while she serenades you. Live.

If you should be in Atlanta If you should be in Atlanta this weekend, you might want to witness the former Pride of Houston, now the Pride of Atlanta, Wes Decker, present the Mr. Southeast Drummer contest at Back Street. They're having a Drummer Boy competition, too. Photo show by Cirby (he lives here now) and a Petish and Fantasy Party on Saturday Does it Party on Saturday. Does it sound similar to one of our weekends? Most of the action will be at the Atlanta Eagle.

Today up at the Rushriv, it's the fourth annual River Race Cup, a benefit for Face to Face and Food for Thought and co-sponsored by KGO-TV, B of A and Eagle Distributors. Action begins at 1100 at Midway Beach. A pre-race party and pasta orgy is planned for Saturday. Call (707) 887-1581 for details and if you want to voluntage to k. 1unteer to help.

If you're in the Big Apple, the GMSMA is having their Seventh Annual Leather Pride Seventh Annual Leather Fride Night (something we need here) at the Limelight from 1800-2200, 660 Sixth Ave. at 20th St. Title holders, auction, dancing, food, bar, door prizes. Call Brian O'Dell (212) 595-9470 or (212) 666-0871 for more details. Ducate are only more details. Ducats are only \$10 to benefit NYC charities.

Monday, June 18: Battle of



SF Leather Daddy's Boy David Thompson (I.) with SF Leather Daddy Jay Smith pause before counting the pro-ceeds of their benefit beer bust at the Eagle last Saturday afternoon

the VIPs 1990 by Empress I La Rey in Los Angeles at the Mayflower Ballroom — definitely a drag venue for \$17.50-\$20 in advance, \$25 door. The Mayflower is in Inglewood at 234 South Hindry Ave. Call (213) 850-850-1673.

Let There Be Dish

What major porn video producer left what regional Drummer winner stranded in Chicago with the hotel bill un-paid and no way to get back home (overseas)? They're call-ing him the gay Houdini (disappearing act), and no one in La-La is amused.

Latest terminology for men who are tops and surveying a prospective bottom: "I wonder what tune his ankles play?"

Pay attention! Quiz later.

Yesteryear's winner of the Biggest Dick in SF Contest, who later went on to star in several porn videos, announces he is now living in Cazenovia, Wisconsin. You know Cazenovia, don't you — the gay capital of the world? I'd give you his FAX number, but it's a combination of letters that would never get a nod that would never get a nod from the California Dept. of Motor Vehicles for personalized plates.

For the third time, I'm reminding you of these dates: SF Pride Parade is June 24. Up Your Alley Dore Fair, Aug. 5. Folsom Street Fair, Sept. 23. Castro Street Fair, Oct. 7. Mr. Drummer Finals, Sept. 22.

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The South Bay winners (I. to r.) Rafael Blanco, runner-up, Connie Boy, Cowboy John and Ms. runner-up Carole Ann McGovern.

George D. Burgess Feb. 7, 1938-June 8, 1990

George D. Burgess, one of our community's most honored members, died of AIDSrelated pneumonia last Friday. He was surrounded by loving and caring members of his family and friends.

George was widely known, not only in San Francisco where he lived for several years, but in Los Angeles, where he lived prior to his move here. He was born in El Paso, Texas, where he spent most of his youth and received his degree in journalism from the University of Texas.

He was also a four-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, and after serving honorably, he embarked on a career in banking. He distinguished himself in that field and was well-recognized in his positions with Lloyds Bank, Wells Fargo, Security Pacific, and in his last position with Sanwa Bank, where he served as vice president before he was unable to work anymore.

Besides his distinguished banking career, George's sense of compassion drove him to civic pursuits and volunteerism. His sense of duty was most apparent in his association with the Horizons Foundation. Later he was named to the Grand Jury of the San Francisco Superior Court, where he again served with distinction.

George was also a member of the leather community, and he and a few other leather men were the catalysts for what is now the AIDS Emergency Fund. His association with the AEF and the many people in the community he inspired to volunteer led to numerous honors: from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (twice) and the Cable Car Awards (twice). On the occasion of a

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69 Hours/On-Line Against AIDS, a trans-oceanic, multimedia communications event, is the United States' cultural component of a joint alternative international conference on AIDS, which will be held June 21-24 in San Francisco. Hosted by the University of Amsterdam, ICATA '90, the Paradiso Cultural Center, Art On-Line for AIDS and a number of other international organizations, the "Seropositive Ball" will be initiated in Amsterdam and will electronically extend to a number of host cities throughout the world

will be initiated in Amsterdam and will electronically extend to a number of host cities throughout the world.

Accompanying the linkage will be the local presentation of a number of performance pieces, installations, static art and urban graphics, which will be exhibited at various venues throughout the city. Artists of local, national and international repute will be participating in this event.

For further information, please call 648-0369 or 861-8757.

Marcus

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Clip out and put in your wallet (or purse).

Have fun this weekend. Drive carefully. Designate a driver if you plan to tie one on. Have safe sex. Do it in leather. "roast" in his honor on Jan. 24, 1989, Mayor Art Agnos issued a proclamation stating that day to be George Burgess Day in San Francisco.

His last commendation came from the board of directors of the AEF in March of this year. At the kick-off dinner George received a Founders Award and gave a brief, but inspiring speech, reaffirming his lifelong commitment to serving the community, especially now, volunteerism and those less fortunate.

Friends of George Burgess greatly appreciated his sense of humor; phone callers to his residence were greeted with the recorded message that "George and Harriet are not in at this time" — Harriet is his dog. George's friends will be glad to know that Harriet will be spending the rest of her life with George's family's dog, Sam, in Tennessee.

George also was a source of inspiration and pride to the leather men and women of that persuasion. On more than one occasion, he opened his home for cocktail fundraising



parties and even dinners for various leather men. He was a constant source of inspiration to Intl. Mr. Leather Patrick Toner and hosted fundraisers for the IML Travel Fund for IML '87 Tom Karasch and IML '88 Michael Pereyra.

George was well-known, respected and a true example of leather pride. He counseled and supported anyone who was smart enough to seek his guidance. He was out to his family and often included them on his guest lists. These were only a few manifestations of his caring for his fellow man. And like so many honorable leather men before him, George's death is indeed a tragic loss to many — and only a few short months after Hank Cook, his collaborator in many fundraising activities for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

AIDS Emergency Fund.

A memorial service was held this past Sunday at Comisky Roche Funeral Home at 2 p.m., followed by a gathering at his home with his family. Another gathering is scheduled in the near future to celebrate his life. George will be interred at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso. Dear George, we will all miss you — your reign in Boot Heaven will surely be just as successful as it was here on earth. —Mister Marcus



Lesbian Short by Connie Boy

Leather Cracks the Door at Fest

by Mister Marcus

All too often, the leather cene is covered in somber, threatening venues: specialty magazines, how-to handbooks

and other outlets that give leather a threatening am-bience, at least to the vanilla segments of homosexual



Jackie finds the magic castle in Jackie and the Beanstalk.

This year, a daring lesbian filmmaker has entered a short film in the Lesbian and Gay Film Festival that deals with a leather fairy-tale fantasy. The fairy tale is entitled Jackie and the Beanstalk, Saturday, June 16, 6 p.m., Castro and Monday, June 18, 4 p.m., Castro.

Jackie is the work of a 27-year-old native of Philadelphia who grew up in Florida. Her first filmmaking effort, Sticking to You (1983), was a five-minute diatribe about her grossly overweight roommate. Connie Steinman really got into film at San Jose State in 1986. She's already finished one film, Cupid's True

Connie's work has been exhibited at the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival in Chicago in 1987 and at London's first gay and lesbian film festival last year. She's garnered almost all rave reviews

As the title of her short suggests, it's a spoof of sorts on the time-honored fairy tale. Only this time, Jack is Jackie (a young lesbian), and her father is an abusive alcoholic who sends his daughter out with a Woolworth-like crystal to sell. Along the way, our heroine meets with some leather street dykes and gets involved with a lesbian psychic. She sells the crystal for some worthless beans, and the father angrily throws them out where they



Connie Boy at work behind the camera.

grow into a giant leathery beanstalk.

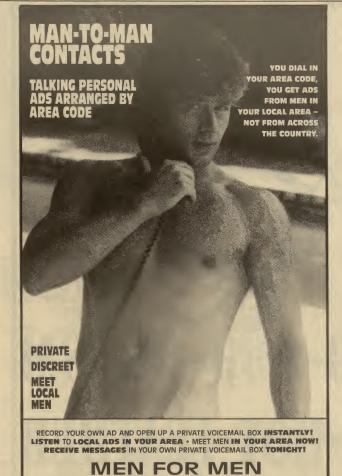
Jackie climbs up to a sur-realistic land, where she en-counters a giant leather dyke in a castle that is both foreboding and enticing. The giant lesbian leather dyke isn't exactly enamored of our Jackie, but she does feed her a Jackie, but she does teed her a breakfast with erotic undertones. There are giant handcuffs and other outrageous props that make for a funny, funny interlude — all tied in with the leather/S&M lifestyle.

People who have seen it say it's a scream, and yet somehow, it's a scream, and yet somenow, the non-vanilla activity is both educating and non-threatening. If you're into leather and if you're into fantasies, this offering could be the Far Side of your appetite in films.

Connie Steinman will be celebrating this weekend before her film's showing at

the festival. She just won the the testival. She just won the Ms. Leather of the South Bay title last Saturday night. She also confirmed that she has scheduled October 1990 to begin her fourth film effort, Mirel, a sci-fi S&M film which will explore the S&M lifestyle in a positive way. in a positive way — in a way that will hopefully help end the discrimination against

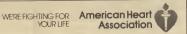
Connie Boy, as she is affectionately known in leather circles, hopes to become a major filmmaker, not only in gay circles, but in mainstream films. Her selection of Harvey Fierstein and Spike Lee as her iddle is certainly a step in the idols is certainly a step in the right direction. The Connie Steinman film at this year's festival looks like an encouraging step by Frameline to truly encompass all lifestyles. Leather people should be pro-ud that, finally, leather got a boot in the door.





Drawing the Line

Lesbians are ''drawing the line'' to mark their limits regarding erotic imagery at Camerawork exhibit that runs through July 7. The gallery is open from 12-5 Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, phone 621-1001.



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De Kuyper's exquisite taste extends to a choice selection of music - everything from Zarah Leander's Regen to Santuzza to Ravel's Daphnis et Chloe. All register as both in-evitable and yet titillating.

A hardcore masturbation sequence is arty, precious and yet, in this haywire context, totally acceptable as just another stimulating diversion.

An intertitle mentions "roaming the seas," and then there's a cut to a close-up of a flexing torso: The written words that suggest the rippling

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waves find their visual metaphor.

Any cavils? Unfortunately, almost every scene and take go on a minute or a few beats too long and begin to vitiate against the power of the in-dividual sequences and images. For all his unique genius, de Kuyper could use a more brutal editor than he's willing to as yet admit into his artistic circle. One might defend his leisurely pace and one might then, too, grow restless at

material wearing out its

But I urge you in any case to check out this fairly breathtaking work. I'd be surprised if the SFIL&GFF has a finer feature length work to offer.

Pink Ulysses June 19, 7 p.m. June 22, 4 p.m. Castro

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Whitman Sampler

The Society of Gay and Les-The Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers presents its annual Gay Pride concert, "A Whitman Sampler." Mezzosoprano Kris Ingle sings settings by SGLC members of Walt Whitman's mystical poem, "A Noiseless Patient Spider," among other selections. June 17, 3 p.m., Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, 48 Belcher St. (near Chuch, between 14th Street and Duboce), San Francisco.

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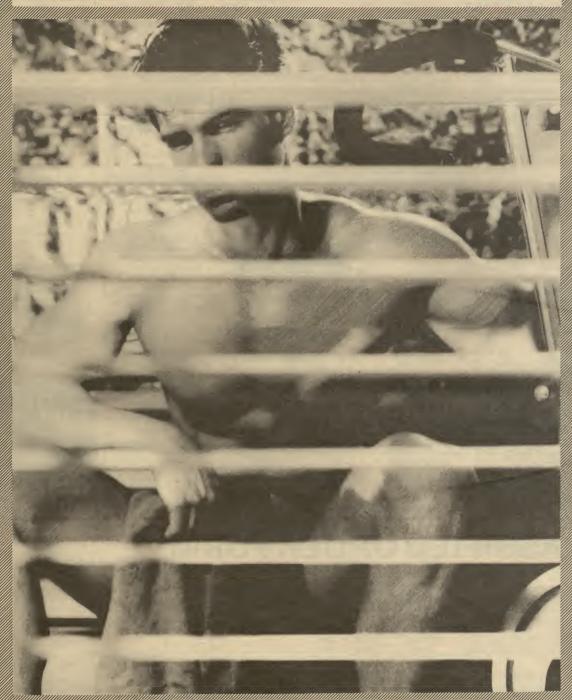
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